

Do you feel secure?

Do you know if your load is?

Take the time to check for tipping/falling freight hazards prior to releasing securement devices such as rope, straps, or load bars. Don't remove fasteners until you are sure the load won't shift onto you.



Although loose freight, as shown in this photo, is common, it would be much safer to take the time to secure it.

- **Take care while opening trailer doors. Open slowly so you can feel for the tension of load shift. Open one side at a time while standing behind the trailer door so you can use it as a shield.**
- **Before releasing freight, check to be sure the freight behind it is secure.**
- **Don't turn your back on freight. Face it as you release its securement devices.**
- **Each load is different. Look for potential problems with your load. (Is it tall, narrow, double stacked, loose?) Develop a plan to safely release each type of load.**
- **Ask for help to hold or secure potential problem areas.**
- **Don't try to catch falling freight — even a small package can be heavy.**

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