

# TIP SHEET

A series of health and safety tips to prevent work-related injuries in the trucking industry



## Fleet Maintenance Tips



Some companies use steering wheel covers as part of their lock out/tag out procedures.

Mechanics keep trucks on the road and drivers safe. We depend on them to keep the public safe, too. Good mechanics are vital to the success of the trucking industry and to your company. Simple procedures can keep them safe at work and on the job.

### Employers

Be sure employees are properly trained in maintenance procedures.

### Employees

Ask for help if you're not sure how to complete a task.

### For more information

Qualified brake inspector: [CFR Title 49, Part 396.25](#)

Safe workplace: [WAC 296-800-110](#)

Forklifts: [WAC 296-863-300](#)

Inspection, repair, and maintenance: [CFR Title 49, Parts 396.1 through 396.25](#)

### TIPS TO LIVE BY

#### Safety precautions when maintaining vehicles

- Use lock out/tag out procedures to be sure truck cannot be started while mechanic is working.
- Apply brakes.
- Chock wheels. Use a prop or support for raised parts (dump beds, hoods).
- Use tire cage for inflating tires (required for split rims). Remove tires from rims before welding or cutting them.
- Protect against sparks or flames when working with greases, oils and fuels.
- Charge batteries in a well ventilated, dedicated area.
- Provide proper gloves, eye protection and eye wash station where battery charging is done.
- Assure proper training and handling of brake pads/shoes and clutch discs which can contain asbestos.



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