

The Benefits of a Load Securement Policy

- Properly trained drivers...
- Reduced driver injuries...
- The right load securement equipment is available for the loads transported...
- Reduction in payroll expense, no longer are drivers wasting time trying to figure out how to secure a load.....
- Increased on-time appointments. Drivers are no longer stopping on the side of the road, re-securing the load.
- Reduced citations, out of service orders, and lawsuits from improperly secured loads.....

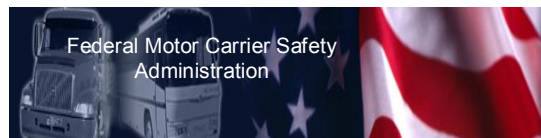


Proper Load Securement Procedures Save Lives !!!!!

Attention: This brochure is not intended as a substitute for your employers health and safety instructions or policies.

When Releasing A Ratchet Winch “Watch Out”

- To release a ratchet winch place winch-bar into ratchet winch and slowly apply downward pressure allowing the ratchet winch to release.
- Ensure you have a tight grip on the winch-bar.
- Release pressure as needed to allow ratchet winch to loosen.
- Do not allow the winch-bar to strike the cargo.
- Prior to winch-bar contacting the load, apply downward pressure to the winch-bar allowing ratchet system to lock.
- Do not remove winch-bar at anytime unless you have verified the ratchet winch has locked.
- Failure to follow the manufactures instructions may just get you hurt!



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Winch-Bar Safety

Use Caution When Ratcheting Your Loads with A Winch-Bar



Don't get struck by a flying winch-bar.

Think Safety, use proper procedures when securing cargo or releasing cargo using a ratchet winch system.

Every year thousands of drivers are hurt and disabled when securing or loosening their cargo loads.

Don't be one of them!!

Drivers using winch-bars improperly or not holding them securely causes hundreds, if not thousands of injuries each year.

Some of these horrible life injuries are;

- Broken or fractured jaws, foreheads, nose, facial plates.
- Broken or fractured forearms, wrists, fingers.



- Broken or fractured ribs.
- Strained or torn shoulders.
- Head injuries.

**Safety is not just a word!
It's an action we must follow every day!!!!**

Paying Attention to the "Task At Hand" is the key to preventing disabling injuries

- When using a winch-bar, make sure the end of the winch-bar is properly seated in the hole located on the right side of the ratchet winch on the side of the trailer. Also you will notice the winch-



bar end is angled. The reason for this is when the winch-bar is inserted into the



ratchet winch with the correct angle facing down (as seen below) the winch-bar will stay secure and not slip out when you are applying downward pressure on the winch-bar.



Other Factors to Consider

- Do not lose your grip on the winch-bar.
- Pull evenly, do not brace a leg on the trailer for better leverage.

- Make sure when you ratchet down the straps with the winch-bar the ratchet winches teeth catches and lock.
- The only way to know if the ratchet



winch is locked is to slowly release downward pressure on winch-bar to ensure the ratchet winch teeth have clicked into position and held.

- Failure to follow this procedure may cause the winch-bar to;
- Spring up and strike you in the face, arms or ribs;
- The winch-bar may bounce off the load striking the body or face.



Safety is our business, so please call us anytime. Our safety consultants are ready and willing to provide you with real time solutions in keeping you and your employees safe in the workplace. 888-338-0208