

INFORMATION FACTSHEET ON CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

— Loading Dock Safety



Loading docks are the main arrival and departure areas in a warehouse for truck delivery. A loading dock is where the loading and unloading of goods and equipment takes place.

Loading Dock Hazards:

Struck by a falling dock plate.

Pinned between loading dock.

Struck by or run over by a truck.

Pinned between truck and trailer.

Struck by falling items that were not secured.

Safety technologies for LOADING DOCK

• Dock lighting

• Dock bumpers

• Dock levelers

• Dock hoists

• Vehicle restraints

• Dock doors

• Dock shelters and seals

• Ramps

• Bollards

• Barriers

• Wheel guides

• Trailer guides



LOADING DOCK SAFETY TIPS

Make your safety a priority

1 TRAIN EMPLOYEES

Loading dock safety starts with every employee knowing procedures and safety protocols.



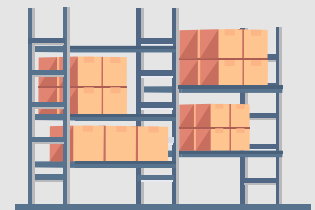
2 DISPLAY SAFETY SIGNAGE

Make sure proper safety placards are posted in your loading dock area to serve as visual reminders of potential dangers.



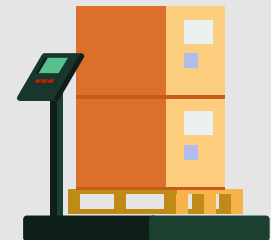
3 KEEP AISLES WAYS CLEAR

Avoid falls by keeping walkways and driving areas clear of containers, tools, and packing materials clean up any spills immediately and make sure flooring is in good condition.



4 USE PROPER EQUIPMENT

Employees should know the limitations of the equipment they use on a daily basis.



5 PREVENT TRAILER MOVEMENT

Use wheel chocks to securely hold trailer in place during the unloading process and minimize accidental movement from forklift jolts.



6 REPLACE AGING DOCK EQUIPMENT

Put a preventive maintenance plan in place to routinely check dock equipment so workers know when dock plates or yard ramps need replaced.

