

Lift Gate Safety Checklist

Lift Gate Injury Prevention Tips:

Drivers and Lift gate operators should not perform any maintenance on Lift gates. Take them to Daniel's Welding in Toano for any service. The contact number for Daniel's Welding is 757-566-8446.

Never enter the area beneath a raised Lift gate.

Lower the Lift gate to the ground and inspect the rear of the trailer to ensure the Lift gate has proper clearance for its full cycle.

Check the condition of the equipment and any accompanying tools; simple checks can make a big difference in the long term operational quality of Lift gates.

Equipment Safety Considerations

Use the remote control if the Lift gate has one. Operate while standing on the gate or on the ground, whichever is better in the current circumstances. Do not try to stand on the gate and use the controls mounted to the truck.

Know the Lift gate's capacity and do not overload.

Pre-Operations

Maintain the Lift gate according to manufacturer's instructions.

Read the Lift gate operator's manual and follow the directions. Pay special attention to the safety warning decals. Make sure the decals are in place and legible.

Visually inspect the Lift gate daily as part of the vehicle's trip inspection and report any deficiencies.

Do not use the Lift gate if there are signs of abuse, or it fails to operate properly.

Before running the Lift gate loaded, run it empty through its full range as a "pre-trip" to verify that it will provide a good landing area for the freight that will be rolled off it.

Operations

Secure top-heavy loads with strapping to prevent the item from tipping or rolling off.

Use chocks to prevent loads from rolling off the gate.

Personnel should not ever attempt to put a piece of freight in motion that is beyond their ability to control once it starts moving. Get assistance if you need it.

Keep an escape plan in mind. Be prepared to move out of the way to keep from getting hurt.

Never sacrifice yourself for the freight.