

SAFETY ALERT

Incorrect trailer operations



"Sharing incident learnings across the grain industry"

"A vision of Zero Harm across the grain industry supply chain"

Failure to operate trailer hoists correctly will cause infrastructure damage and could result in harm and/or fatality.

There have been recent incidents at grain sites where drivers have not lowered their trailers prior to driving away, resulting in the trailer colliding with grid doors, grid roofs and height warning indicators.

There have also been instances where incorrect trailer operations have resulted in trailers tipping and ended up standing vertically due to tailgates not being opened correctly.

Key messages

Safety needs to be our primary focus, especially during very busy periods such as the grain harvest. Recent incidents including injuries to drivers and grain handlers have occurred due to the incorrect operations of trailers.

Lowering your trailer

- Make sure your trailers are lowered prior to placing your truck in motion.
- If you see a moving vehicle with a trailer raised, warn others, and report it to site employees immediately.
- Drivers must be aware of their vehicle height.
- Observe and obey all height warning signs. If in doubt always measure truck height prior to entering a height restricted area such as an enclosed grid.



Tailgate operations

- Ensure the correct trailer is being elevated when discharging your load.
- Ensure your tailgate is opened prior to commencing discharge.
- Ensure appropriate chains are installed on all tailgates.
- Follow the direction of site employees during discharge.
- Ensure your brakes are applied when exiting the truck.

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