

Loading Docks Picture This



LOADING DOCK SAFETY TIPS

Make your safety a priority



1 TRAIN EMPLOYEES

Loading dock safety starts with every employee knowing procedures and safety protocols. Mandatory forklift training and testing is a must and is required by OSHA.



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 AISLEWAYS CLEAR

Avoid falls by keeping walkways and driving areas clear of containers, tools and packaging 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, such as maximum capacity for dock boards and dock plates.



5 PREVENT TRAILER MOVEMENT

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



6 REPLACE AGING DOCK EQUIPMENT

If you don't already have one, put a preventive maintenance plan in place to routinely check dock equipment so you'll know when dock plates or yard ramps need replaced.

