

# Loading & Unloading Equipment

Every year people are killed whilst unloading or loading wagons and other vehicles.

Always follow the Five Rules for safe loading/unloading:

1. Only load/unload wagons on firm, level ground
2. Check the load before driver removes/places straps, are all items chocked, is anything likely to fall?
3. If items require extra chocks, do this before the driver removes the straps.
4. Keep the area around the vehicle clear of obstructions (People & Vehicles) during loading/unloading.
5. If the load has moved during transport and you are unsure as to the safest way to unload it, ask for advice from your supervisor. Think about where you will place the load. Is it safe & accessible?

Never access the back of a wagon unless appropriate measures to prevent falls are in place.

Remember that the person unloading the wagon may not have the equipment you do, always consider how a load will be unloaded when you are loading it

Only climb onto/off a wagon using designated access/egress routes (wheels and tow bars **are not** designated routes)

Never stand on the back of a wagon whilst the load is being moved if there is a risk the load could knock you off or move suddenly and trap you.

Only climb onto a wagon if you are sure it safe to do so (Have you checked the load is secure?). Think about whether you have to climb up at all!



**Q. What should be safe and accessible?**

**Q. What must you do before the driver removes the straps?**

**Q. How should you climb onto a wagon?**