**Dump Truck Safety on the Roadway**

### 1.5 Seconds
Maximum time eyes away from forward roadway to check mirrors, etc.

### Drive Defensively
Focus - Scan - Anticipate - React

### Following Distance
**Over 40 mph = Minimum Five Seconds**

Increase distance further for driving:
- Tractor-trailer combinations
- At night
- During inclement weather

### Speed
Speed limits are designed for light vehicles with better handling capabilities than a dump truck. Obey speed limits and drive under the speed limit when turning or going into sharp turns and ramps. Reduce your speed during inclement weather.

### It's not worth it.

To other drivers, larger vehicles appear to be moving slower. Anticipate unsafe actions of others, like pulling out in front of you.

### Protect yourself!

At 70%, dump truck drivers have the **lowest** seatbelt usage rate.

### Prevent Falling Debris
Keep loads at least six inches below sides. Brush off loose materials and tarp when required.

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Unloading Accidents

Be very cautious. Do not unload in heavy winds.

Prevent Rollovers!

Correct Yes

When loading, distribute loads evenly.

Incorrect

Unload on flat stable ground. Slopes or unstable ground can create major shifts in the center of gravity and rollovers.

Tipping occurs when the center of gravity moves as the bed is raised.

When dumping, line trailers, tractors and wheels up straight.

Incorrect Incorrect

After dumping load, lower bed before moving.


The dump truck back-over fatality rate is 68% higher than any other commercial vehicle.4

Always check above!

Get Out And Look!

Truck contact with power lines is the 4th leading cause of electrocution deaths in construction.5

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4 Occupational Safety and Health Administration, osha.gov/preventing-backovers, OSHA Integrated Management Information System data, 2005-2010.