



Northeast Public Power Association Safety Corner

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Load Securement Responsibility



As we approach longer days and better weather, State Troopers will be checking for load securement issues. Be aware that if a device has the potential to move forward, backward, laterally, or vertically there shall be securement.

FMCSA-Part 392.9 states that it is the responsibility of the driver to inspect cargo and load-securing devices in use and make necessary adjustments:

- Before driving the vehicle;
- Within first 50 miles of trip;
- When there is a change of duty status (start and finish of shift and after each break)
- After every 3 hours or 150 miles (whichever occurs first).

Article Description	Minimum Number of Indirect Tiedowns
5 ft. or shorter; 1,100 lbs. or lighter	1
5 ft. or shorter; over 1,100 lbs.	2
Between 5+ ft. and 10 ft.	2
Longer than 10 ft.	2 + 1 tiedown for every additional 10ft., or part thereof



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