All too often professional drivers are unaware of products on the market that are designed to make their jobs easier and safer. As the workers’ compensation carrier for your employer, Midwestern Insurance Alliance stays abreast of these tools and then makes that information available to drivers. We have even arranged for some of the products to be purchased from the manufacturer at a discount if your employer maintains workers’ compensation insurance through Midwestern Insurance Alliance. If you are aware of a product not listed here, please contact us at losscontrol@miains.com

An Internet link to each of the products listed below is provided at truckingworkerscomp.com

PREVENT INJURIES PULLING THE FIFTH-WHEEL RELEASE

- **TNT Release** (A simple, yet innovative, product that dramatically reduces the force required to pull the fifth-wheel release. Plus the tool has multiple uses around the truck and trailer.
- **TNT Ergo-Hook** (A Two-handle fifth-wheel release tool that puts truckers in an ergonomically improved position which uses a driver’s body weight and not just arm and/or shoulder strength to pull the fifth-wheel release)
- **TNT Reducer** (A portable tool that decreases required force to pull a fifth-wheel release by 50%-60%)
- **The Handee Hook** (A double handle fifth wheel pin puller. Particularly beneficial if trailers are parked tightly.)

PREVENT INJURIES RAISING/LOWERING LANDING GEAR

- **Lift-N-Go** (A simple device that raises the rear frame and 5th wheel plate 2.5" to 3", taking the weight and pressure off the trailer dolly to make it cranking the dollies easy.)
- **Gear-Up** (A self-contained powered landing-gear powered by an electric, hydraulic motor that runs off of an auxiliary battery. An easy to retrofit to most existing trailers or offer as an option on new trailers)
- **On-Lift** (pneumatic landing-gear. An easy to retrofit to most existing trailers.)
- **Griffin Tool** (An innovative tool that uses your truck’s air and a reversible air drill to raise/lower landing gear. Requires no permanent modification to the truck or trailer)

PREVENT INJURIES WHILE SLIDING TRAILER TANDEM AXLES

- **Tandem Locking Pin Locator** (Reduces driver's exposure to falls by reducing the number of times the driver has to climb in and out of the tractor to check for alignment of the tandem locking pin with the locking hole located in the trailer slide rail.)
- **Tandem Stoppers** (Reduces driver's exposure to falls by reducing the number of times the driver has to climb in and out of the tractor to check for alignment of the tandem locking pin with the locking hole located in the trailer slide rail.)
- **STA-RAT** (Eliminates the difficulties associated with releasing the tandem locking pins and holding them retracted until the tandem slide is completed.)
- **E.C. Pull Tool** (Advertised as a four-in-one tool – Tandem release tool, fifth-wheel hook, spotter devise, and tire thumper)
- **Persuader** (Uses leverage to make pulling the tandem release hook easier)
PREVENT INJURIES CLIMBING ON/OFF OF FLATBED TRAILERS

- **Safe-T-Step** (Portable compact ladder that fits into the rub-rail in flatbed trailer. It is also available for van trailers.)
- **The Trucker 1** (Portable ladder that fits into the rub-rail in flatbed trailer)
- **Deckmate Ladder** (Portable ladder that fits into the rub-rail in flatbed trailer)
- **The Anderson Ladder** (Portable ladder that fits into the rub-rail in flatbed trailer)

PREVENT INJURIES FROM FALLS ON SNOW/ICE

- **YakTrax** (Strap-on traction-aids for snow and ice)
- **STABILicers** (Strap-on traction-aids for snow and ice)
- **Get-a-Grip Ultra** (Strap-on traction-aids for snow and ice)

PREVENT FALLS FROM TANKERS AND OTHER TRAILERS

- **TRAM** (An innovative fall prevention family of devises that have application for tanker trailers, hopper-bottom trailers and other types of trailers on which drivers must climb)

PREVENT INJURIES UNLOADING FREIGHT

- **Fork Grips** (This truly unique product is intended to safely and easily, help drivers drag loads that are barely within reach of the tips of the forks closer to the edge of the truck so unloading is easy, thereby minimizing injuries to drivers attempting to manually slide loaded pallets)

PREVENT INJURIES CLEANING WINDSHIELD

- **Universal Big Truck Tire Step** (Steps that fit over truck’s steer tire to allow the driver or mechanic to access the engine compartment or windshield and avoid standing on the tire or lugs)