



Road Test Observation Guide

INJURY PREVENTION EVALUATION TOOL

ATTENTION ROAD TEST EVALUATOR – *In addition observing prospective drivers’ pre-trip inspection and driving skills, observe them performing the following four tasks. Upon observing, provide the prospective driver with immediate feedback to reinforce proper performance, and to correct improper performance.*

ENTERING / EXITING TRUCK CAB

- Both hands on handholds while climbing into cab
- Both hands on handholds until both feet are on the ground when getting out of cab
- No jumping or swinging out of cab
- Faces cab when getting in/out
- Hands free to climb in and out of truck cab
- Wears work boots that lace snugly above the ankle to minimize the potential for ankle injuries

PULLING FIFTH-WHEEL RELEASE

- Uses fifth-wheel release hook (should have personally-owned hook)
- Avoids awkward postures that could lead to shoulder strains
- Pulls firm, but avoids “yanking” release hard
- Repositions truck if necessary to relieve pressure on king pin latch

SLIDING TRAILER TANDEM AXLES

- Uses tandem release assist tool (encourage to obtain personally-owned assist tool)
- Avoids awkward postures that could lead to shoulder strains
- Pulls firm, but avoids “yanking” release hard
- Repositions trailer if necessary to relieve pressure on pin

OPENING TRAILER DOORS

- Stands outside the swing radius of the doors to prevent injury caused by falling freight or wind.
- Opens right-side trailer door and secures it to side of trailer before opening left side trailer door
- Repositions trailer to more level ground if trailer latch is difficult to open