



Truck Dock & Forklift Safety

In this issue of *Inside Choice Aviation*, we are addressing a serious incident that occurred during truck dock operations. A truck rolled forward, causing a forklift to fall between the trailer and the dock, resulting in an employee injury.

This incident was preventable, and it reinforces a critical message: **basic safety steps must never be skipped.**

What Went Wrong

Our investigation identified several failures in required safety controls:

- Wheel chocks were not installed on the trailer.
- The forklift operator did not verify that chocks were in place before entering the trailer.
- Not all docks have mechanical dock locks—making wheel chocks essential.
- The forklift operator was not wearing a seatbelt.

Any one of these issues poses a serious risk. Together, they resulted in an injury that could—and should—have been prevented.

Key Safety Requirements – Effective Immediately

1. Wheel Chocks Are Mandatory

- Every truck and trailer must be **chocked before** loading or unloading begins.
- Chocks remain in place until **all dock work is complete.**
- **No chocks = No operation.**

2. Forklift Operators Must Verify

- Never assume chocks are installed.
- **Visually confirm** wheel chocks are in place before entering any trailer.
- If chocks are missing or incorrectly placed: **Stop working immediately** and correct it.

3. Seatbelts Are Required

- Seatbelts must be worn **at all times** while operating a forklift.
- **No exceptions.**

4. Stop Work Authority

- Every employee has the **right and responsibility** to stop working if something is unsafe.
- This includes missing chocks, trailer movement, or any dock hazard.
- You will be **fully supported** when you stop unsafe work.

5. Never Assume – Always Verify

- Do not assume a driver, coworker, or supervisor completed a safety step.
- Take a few extra seconds to verify—it could prevent a life-changing injury.



Key Takeaway

Truck dock operations are high-risk. **Wheel chocks, seatbelts, and verification are life-saving controls,** not optional steps.

If it's not safe, **do not proceed.** You won't get in trouble for doing the right thing, so say something.

Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Let's ensure every employee goes home safe at the end of every shift.

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Can you find all 15 words in the Truck Dock & Forklift Safety Word Search?

- mandatory
- critical
- fall
- forklift
- safety
- trailer
- hazard
- dock
- preventable
- stopwork
- responsibilities
- truckdock
- lifesaving
- verification
- seatbelt

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