

# KEEPING FLATBED DRIVERS **SAFE** AT WORKSITES



Many accidents occur at work sites not under the control of a truck driver's employer.  
Help keep flatbed drivers safe at all workplaces.

## POOR PRACTICES Conditions that can lead to injuries or fatalities.

- ✗ Forcing drivers to tarp off-site, often on the side of public roads
- ✗ Lack of, or inadequate lighting at customers' facility
- ✗ Uneven ground in the loading area or poor maintenance of grounds
- ✗ No fall protection provisions or protection from elements like wind and snow
- ✗ Lack of communication with customers' staff, poorly trained staff and no culture of safety – where drivers are expected to just 'figure it out.'



## BEST PRACTICES Workplaces that do things the right way.

- ✔ Lighting is abundant and provides clear visibility
- ✔ Docking ground is level and paved, or at least maintained for evenness
- ✔ Trained site staff manages traffic while safe forklift operators properly unload and secure freight
- ✔ Enclosed tarping stations and fall protection provisions are provided
- ✔ Clear channels of communication between driver and customer staff are established



As part of their fall 2017 Blitz, Ontario Ministry of Labour (MOL) inspectors will be taking a special look at flatbed safety at facilities across the supply chain with an eye to ensure all parties (including shippers, receivers and carriers) are living up to their workplace health and safety responsibilities.

If you know of a shipper or receiver that is not living up to their safety responsibilities when it comes to flatbed loading or unloading, let OTA know at: [operations&safety@ontruck.org](mailto:operations&safety@ontruck.org)