

Parking the vehicle safely

Unbelievable but true; Lorries and trailers rolling away are the cause of many accidents, some serious, reported to BG Verkehr, the employers' liability insurance association!

What can happen?

- The towing vehicle is left without engaging the parking brake and starts moving!
- The trailer is parked without the parking brake but only with the service brake → gradual loss of pressure → the trailer rolls off uncontrolled!
- Due to jerking movements during forklift loading, the lorry / trailer shifts → the reloading plate no longer rests securely → forklift and its operator fall off the ramp!
- Miscommunication between the lorry driver and forklift operator → the driver pulls the lorry off the ramp prematurely → the forklift and its operator fall off the ramp!

The wheel chock:



Tip 3:

As a person working in the warehouse, ensure that wheel chocks are in place before you start loading and unloading!

Tip 1:

Ensure that wheel chocks are available at the designated locations at the beginning of each day!

Tip 2:

Release the vehicle explicitly for loading!

Note:

We have made the following provisions at our depot for parking lorries and trailers:

- The wheel chock chained to each ramp gate must be used by the drivers.
- The reloading plate is not to be positioned until the warehouse team has ensured that the wheel chock is in position.

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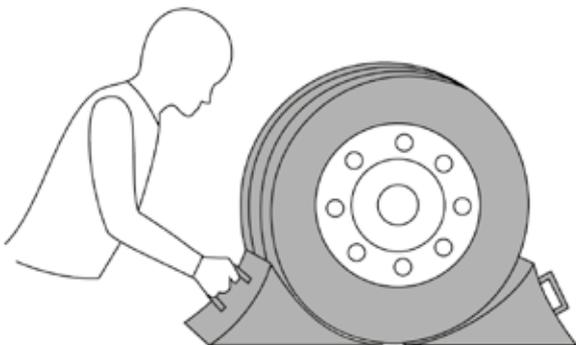
What must be done?

- Always check that the parking brake is engaged before leaving the driver's cab.
- Engage the parking brakes of the trailer. Disconnecting the (red) supply cable is not sufficient!
- Always secure your vehicle with wheel chocks! No exceptions!
- Place wheel chocks in the rolling direction on the towing vehicle and trailer (but not on the wheels of steering or lifting axles).
- Place wheel chocks in both directions if the loading area is to be used by forklift lorries.
- Pay attention to the special features of vehicles with air suspension. The operating instructions for the vehicles contain instructions on how to adjust the suspension systems during loading and unloading, which you are required to observe at all times. Where appropriate, adjust the loading area to the level of the ramp using the control unit or the rotary vane. Readjust - if required - during the loading and unloading process.
- Ensure that rollable loads are not set in motion by lifting or lowering the body on one side.

And when going back on the road:

Before starting each journey, set the air suspension of the lorry and trailer to the driving position.

Secure both sides before using the forklift:



Note:

Some of our customers have modern safety systems (see picture). Have yourself instructed in its use!



Companies with such safety systems are e.g.:

Note:

Some vehicles issue a warning if the parking brake is not applied when exiting the vehicle.

On our vehicles it looks like this (e.g. flashing red P sign with warning tone):
