

# PREVENTING TRACTOR COLLISIONS WITH MOTOR VEHICLES ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS

*Tractors are not designed to operate as over-the-road vehicles. The danger of driving tractors on roadways should be recognized by operators and several recommendations should be followed to help reduce the chances of a collision or other roadway incident.*

## USE TRAILERS

- Use trailers to haul tractors to other locations instead of driving the tractor on the road.

## KEEP TRAVEL TO A MINIMUM.

- Keep travel on public roadways to a minimum.
- Travel when visibility is good. Avoid travel during darkness.

## USE LIGHTING, REFLECTORS & FLAGGERS.

- Provide front and rear lighting if travel during darkness is necessary.
- Display slow moving vehicle emblems and have reflectors.
- For additional safety consider using of flaggers.

## USE POLICE ESCORT FOR LONG TRIPS.

- Use a rear and forward escort on busy roads. Use police escort for long trip or groups of equipment.

Assuring that Rollover Protective Structures (ROPS) and seatbelts are in good condition on every tractor would greatly reduce the risk of tractor-related fatalities.

**ROPS used with seatbelts save lives.**

## Additional resources may be found on:

T2 Center [www.t2center.uconn.edu](http://www.t2center.uconn.edu)

Louisiana LTAP [www.louisianaltap.org](http://www.louisianaltap.org)



Louisiana's Tailgate Talk Series

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# HOW TO CONDUCT A TAILGATE TALK

*Tailgate Talk is a gathering of small group of workers around the tailgate of a truck or other spot for a brief training session on a single safety topic. Consider using the "Tailgate Talk" concept to help you conduct 10-15 minutes of training sessions with your crew.*

## KEY POINTS:

- Choose one safety topic per session.
  - Be concise. Keep it short.
  - Keep the sessions small.
- Meet in a comfortable & safe spot.
- Allow time for questions & answers.
  - Document the training.

## CHOOSE SAFETY TOPICS

- Pick topics related to recent events.
- Ask employees for their ideas.
- Read newsletters and local news for more information. Use them for additional ideas.

## PLAN LOGISTICS

- Limit sessions to a small number of workers. Six to 10 is a good number.
- Hold sessions early in the week, but not on Monday mornings.
- Conduct tailgate training sessions an average of once a week. Dedicate specific time for the training.
- Limit sessions to only 15 minutes.
- Be on the lookout for weather forecasts or any emergencies.

## PREPARE YOUR PRESENTATION

- Use a one-page fact sheet provided on [www.t2center.uconn.edu](http://www.t2center.uconn.edu)
- You may use materials provided by Louisiana LTAP [www.louisianaltap.org](http://www.louisianaltap.org)
- Look for visual aids and/or props.
- Photocopy handouts ahead of time.
- Familiarize materials a night before.

## CONDUCT THE SESSION.

- Keep your presentation informal.
- Don't use words your employees won't understand.
- Involve your workers in discussion of the topic.
- Allow time for questions at the end.
- Have workers sign a sheet showing they were trained and keep it on file.

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