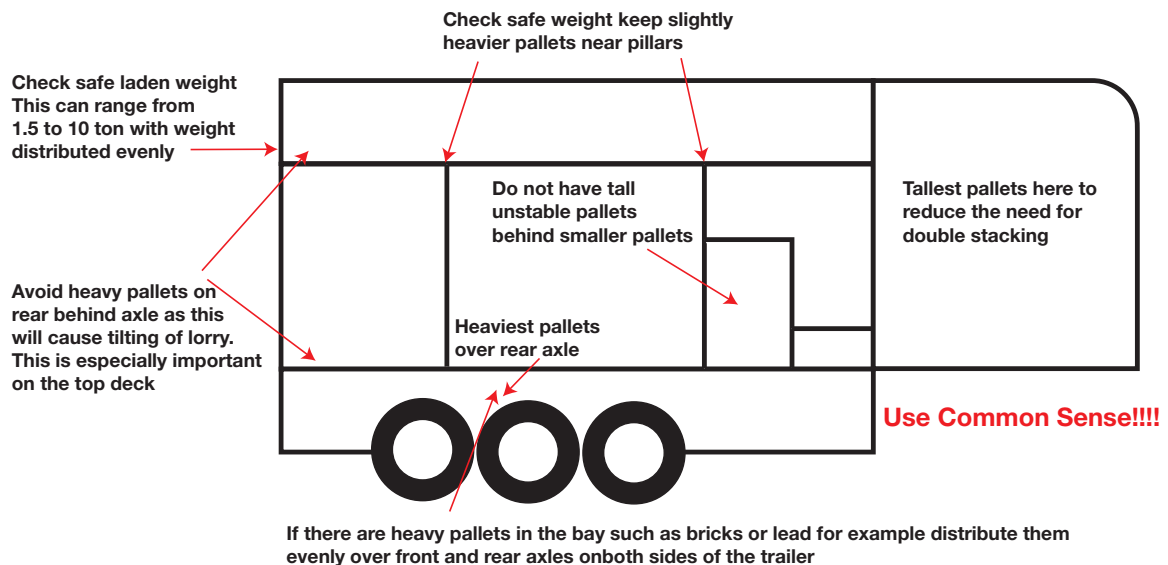


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Carol Grainger, HSE Workplace Transport Policy Manager said:

“I recommend the valuable tips in this poster to everyone. This campaign is one example of how the APN is working to make loading and unloading safer.”



SAFE WORKING BEST PRACTICE FOR LOADING A DOUBLE DECK TRAILER

1. Never load a pallet that is over 500 kgs on the top deck of a trailer.
2. Never double stack pallets on the top deck of a trailer.
3. Always load lightweight pallets in between the front axle and the back axle of the trailer.
4. Heavier pallets should be loaded over the front and rear axels of the trailer
5. Always ensure that pallets placed on the trailer are well shrink wrapped and secure.
6. Forklift truck drivers may use their discretion to the suitability of a pallet, but if they have any doubt about weight or suitability **DO NOT LOAD IT ON TRAILER, REFER TO SUPERVISOR.**
7. On inbound freight if a pallet has collapsed on the top deck, do not attempt to remove it from the trailer, always report to a SUPERVISOR.
8. Always ensure weight distribution of the trailer, consider centre of gravity weight on lower deck.
9. Do not block in loading straps when loading the trailer.

Examples of what NOT to load on the top deck of a double deck trailer

- Pallets with poorly wrapped or unsecured freight on them
- Lead
- Batteries
- 205 ltr drums
- Pallets in excess of 500 kgs
- Pallets with uneven distribution of weight
- Live loads ie. Bulk liquids

Examples of pallets that CAN be loaded on the top deck of a double deck trailer

- Pallets with freight weighing NO more than 500Kg.

Always Consider the "centre of gravity" when loading; load the tallest / heaviest pallets on the lower deck and load lighter / smaller pallets on the top-deck to reduce the risk of LGV roll-over.

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