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Welcome to the April 2012 edition of TIRES e-news, a periodic newsletter brought to you by the health and safety experts of the TIRES Initiative.

New this month



Have you tried ratchet binders?

Any driver that has used lever binders has probably been struck or knows someone who has. In addition to this safety risk have you considered the extra force placed on your body? TIRES looked into it for you. Check out this safety poster to see the difference. [Ratchet vs. Lever \(457 KB\)](#). Print on either 8.5x11 or 11x17 paper



If you love to tarp, then you are one of the few...

Tarping is one of the most dangerous and loathed tasks of a flatbed trucker. There are things you can do to protect your employees or yourself from unnecessary hazards. [Tarping tip sheet \(168 KB\)](#).

Needs ideas?

Check out the TIRES idea bank for solutions to common trucking issues. Got solutions? This is a work in progress so send us your ideas. Click for [TIRES Idea Bank](#). Click to send us your solutions at info@KeepTruckingSafe.org.

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[YouTube](#) Don't Jump! Risky vs. safe trailer exit strategies on [YouTube](#). Be sure to watch both Part 1 and Part 2.

Worth repeating

Featuring previously published training materials that are...worth repeating!

Is graduation coming?

You don't want to miss those important milestones because of an on-the-job injury. Stay safe out there! [Graduation poster \(224 KB\)](#).

Safety materials en Español

Bienvenido a nuestra edición en español del sitio web TIRES. [Estamos actualmente traduciendo al español todos los folletos y artículos.](#)

[Si tiene que moverlo manualmente — Organize y coloque objetos pesados a una altura de fácil acceso. \(223 KB\)](#)

Training simulation tools

Safer tarping

Explore strategies for [safer tarping](#).

Prevent slips, trips and falls

Slips, trips and falls cause many injuries in the trucking industry. Test your safety knowledge with the [friction simulation tool](#).

Force simulation tool

Does it really matter if you jump or use 3 points-of-contact when you exit the cab or trailer? Find out with our force-simulator. Use it as a training tool. Click [force simulation tool](#).

Upcoming events

[Click here to check out upcoming events in trucking](#). Let us know if you have a trucking industry related safety or health event that you'd like to add to the page.

Have questions? We're here to help. Email us at info@KeepTruckingSafe.org.

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To learn more about the TIRES initiative, or to find more information about injuries in the trucking industry please visit us at, www.KeepTruckingSafe.org.

The Trucking Injury Reduction Emphasis (TIRES) project was developed by the Safety and Health Assessment and Research for Prevention (SHARP) program of Washington's Department of Labor and Industries.

The Trucking Injury Reduction Emphasis (TIRES) project team and the TIRES steering committee are working with the Washington State trucking industry to identify causes for the most frequent injuries to develop effective strategies for preventing them.

The TIRES steering committee is made up of a diverse group of professionals that includes: drivers, safety people from large and small trucking companies, labor and business associations, insurers and a representative from a publicly funded truck driving school.

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