



DUMPER DRIVING

This TBT must not be used as a substitute for the proper training of dumper drivers. It should serve only as a reminder to dumper drivers, and as general information for others.

1. You must not drive a dumper unless you are authorised to do so and are in the possession of a current certificate of training achievement.
2. For dumpers without a self-starter, ensure that when cranking the engine, the thumb is not in the way should the engine backfire (*the correct method of cranking the engine should be demonstrated*).
3. Do not leave keys in the ignition whilst the vehicle is unattended, take them with you.
4. Before operating check that tyres are fully inflated and the breaks are effective.
5. Obey site rules with regard to traffic routes, speed limits, etc. Give pedestrians plenty of room.
6. Do not carry passengers.
7. While the skip is being loaded, apply the handbrake and stand well clear – do not remain on the dumper.
8. Loads must be secure, and within the capacity of the machine.
9. Do not carry loads which overhang excessively, or those which you have to hang on to.



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10. Do not allow the load to obscure your forward vision.
 11. Make sure the skip safety catch is engaged before moving off.
 12. Beware of the back end swinging out with rear wheel steering.
 13. Avoid harsh acceleration and breaking. Do not allow the wheels to spin.
 14. On steep gradients, travel with the load up the slope.
 15. On down gradients, do not rely solely on the brakes – always use a low gear.
 16. Do not travel across steep gradients.
 17. Before tipping, make sure that no person or obstruction is in the way.
 18. Do not tip into an excavation unless effective stop blocks have been provided. Ensure the blocks are secure and always use them.
 19. Do not take the dumper onto a public road unless you and the vehicle are licensed and equipped for the purpose, and you have been authorised to do so.
 20. At the end of working hours, the machine should be effectively immobilised – seek advice or instruction if necessary.
 21. Do not 'bump start' other vehicles.
 22. Do not tow a lighting tower with mast raised – always lower it first.



23. Do not use lifting gear for towing.

24. If a seat belt is fitted, wear it correctly.

25. Do not leave the dumper unattended with the engine running.

26. Do not attempt to drive a dumper which is in any way defective – report it at once.