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## Reduce the Risk of Overhead Accidents

Fleets can significantly reduce the risk of overhead accidents by taking the following precautions:

- Design pick-up and deliveries stops to minimize exposure to overhead object hazards.
- Establish a program of driver observations and/or supervisor check rides with drivers to make sure safety practices are being followed.
- Hold safety meetings for current drivers and training sessions for new drivers to make sure that they are familiar with the dangers posed by overhead objects.
- Frequently remind drivers of vehicle heights and to be aware of clearances and overhead hazards. This can be accomplished with bulletin board messages, paycheck stuffers, and comments during regular driver safety meetings.
- Make sure that all vehicles have adequate warning lights and/or buzzers in the cab that alert drivers when the hoist or tailgate are in the up position.
- Make safety performance and compliance with safety policies part of a driver's performance review.

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