

# Drive the 5

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- R**ested and alert
- I**mpairment free
- V**ehicle maintained
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# Load distribution and securement

## 1 Know the weight and length:

- Know the weight and dimensions of the cargo you're transporting.

## 2 Use sufficient securement devices:

- For items up to ten feet, have at least two securement devices.
- Add another device for each additional segment of 10 feet.
- If securing vehicles or wheeled equipment, use 4 direct tiedowns at axles from securement point to equipment with a tensioning device.
- Ensure the devices can secure at least 50% of the load's weight.

## 3 Check securement devices:

- Be aware of the working load limit of your securement devices.
- Inspect them to ensure they're in good working condition.
- Avoid using unapproved or defective securement devices.

## 4 Inspect securement points:

- Examine the securement points on the trailer or truck bed.
- Ensure no defects and that they are working properly.

## 5 Load distribution:

- Follow the 60-40 rule when loading a trailer:
  - Place 60% of the weight in front of the axle.
  - Distribute 40% behind the axle.