

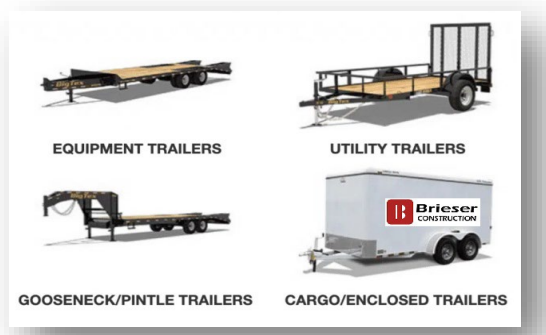


TRAILER SAFETY – Week of 06/10/24 - 06/15/24

This week is Trailer Safety Week. Brieser Construction owns quite a few trailers of many different types. The tips listed below are something we should always follow.

TRAILER HOOK-UP PROCEDURE

1. Prior to hook-up, check the hitch on the tow vehicle for loose bolts and attaching pins.
2. Check electrical connector plug on vehicle for loose or frayed wires.
3. Hook trailer to tow vehicle: Check for proper ball size and check to ensure that the hitch is securely attached.
4. Attach safety chains to tow vehicle.
5. Connect the electrical plug.
6. Check to ensure that the hazard, brake and signal lights are operating satisfactorily. Check electric brake control in the vehicle (if applicable) to ensure controller is working properly. If not, do not use a trailer, and note on the inspection form.
7. Test the emergency breakaway system.
8. Check tires for proper inflation.
9. Check all gates and latches.



TRAILER SAFE WORK PRACTICES

1. Load your trailer with more weight in front of the trailer axle than behind it. This gives the trailer tongue weight and can also add more stability to the tow vehicle and trailer.
2. Ensure that the trailer ball matches the trailer tongue.
3. **TEST THE TRAILER EACH TIME YOU HOOK IT UP TO ENSURE THAT IT IS SECURELY ATTACHED.**
4. Tarp down all loose material such as asphalt or concrete, and secure all tools and equipment.
5. Tag out any trailer that requires repair, notify your supervisor immediately and note on the inspection form.
6. When unhooking the trailer, ensure it is on level ground, or block the wheels, to prevent the trailer from rolling forward into the truck, or rolling backwards, possibly down a hill.



