


Newland Express Transport Ltd

Risk Assessment

Title	Tail Lifts	Date Of Assessment	Tue 16 Jan 2024
Site	Newland Express Transport Ltd	Location	All Areas
Risk Assessor	James Asbrey	Assisted By	-
Non-Employees Involved	-	People At Risk	Employees
Task Description	Identifies hazards associated with operating vehicle tail lifts during loading and unloading. It ensures suitable controls are in place to prevent falls, crushing injuries, and equipment failure.		
Risk Rating	 Medium		
Review Date	Thu 21 Jan 2027	Reviewer	James Asbrey

Hazards

Hazard	Operation of the tail lift
Risk Of Harm	Operating the tail lift could lead to injury from trapping, crushing or dragging
Existing Control Measures	<p>Only trained persons to operate the tail lift. Training will have familiarised them with mode of action and handling the tail lift.</p> <p>Lift is inspected daily prior to use, with defects reported to Manager. Ensure that all safety and warning devices are present and operational. Check vehicle tail lift configuration for the electrical power on/off switch to the tail lift.</p> <p>Prior to operating the tail lift, the vehicle must be safely parked on level and solid ground, the parking brake applied, and the engine must be switched off.</p> <p>We follow manufacturers instructions displayed on the vehicle. Design and operation of tail-lifts vary so our employees need to be familiar and any potential residual hazards e.g. closing operation of tail lift.</p> <p>The maximum working load lift is not exceeded at any time. Maximum working load is affixed to the side of the vehicle body, or on the platform. Do not place load beyond points marked on the platform, as the maximum safe working load diminishes.</p> <p>Secure the load so that it cannot fall off the tail lift. Rolling containers without brakes may only be transported on the tail lift if secured with roll stops (roll-off protection) against rolling away. Do not drop material on to the tail lift.</p> <p>Tail lift receives a statutory thorough inspection every six months by a competent person.</p> <p>Where fitted guard-rails are used on all sides of the tail-lift, operators remain within the protection of the guard rail.</p> <p>Employees instructed to keep hands and feet away from moving or swinging parts when operating the tail lift. Suitable slip resistant footwear must be worn.</p> <p>Employees instructed that mechanical platform lock(s) where fitted must be applied to secure the platform in its travel position in case of accidental loss of hydraulic pressure.</p> <p>Instructions given not to move the vehicle with the lift in the down position. Before driving, lock the tail lift after closing/folding in. Make sure that any warning lights are not lit. Ensure that power is switched off.</p> <p>Transport of persons on the tail lift is prohibited.</p> <p>Operators must use appropriate work clothes. never wear loose-fitting clothes. Always wear safety-toe shoes, protective gloves. Use of hardhat and eye protection is advised.</p> <p>Clear the working area of any objects that could potentially impede movement of the tail lift. Ensure area is well lit for the use of the tail lift operation.</p> <p>DO NOT allow any other person, to stand in the proximity of the tail lift and its platform.</p> <p>Keep visual control over the entire working area of the tail lift and its platform at all times. Do not be distracted. Never use a phone or mobile device when operating the taillift.</p> <p>Compression of the vehicle suspension, can cause some deflection of the vehicle chassis, and tolerances in the tail lift. Adjust platform pitch up to compensate for deflection before load.</p>

Past Reviews

Review Date	Reviewer	Comments
Tue 20 Jan 2026	James Asbrey	Reviewed
Thu 16 Jan 2025	James Asbrey	Reviewed