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Warehouse Loading Dock Safety Sop Template

Operational Scope: Establishes mandatory protocols for safe loading dock operations to prevent catastrophic falls, struck-by incidents, and equipment failure. Mandates strict compliance by all warehouse personnel, material handlers, and drivers prior to servicing trailers.

MANDATORY PPE:	High-Visibility Reflective Vest (ANSI/ISEA 107), Steel-Toe Safety Footwear (ASTM F2413), Impact-Resistant Safety Glasses (ANSI Z87.1), Cut-Resistant Mechanics Gloves, All-Weather Weatherproof Outerwear
PREREQUISITES:	Verify forklift and pallet jack operators are currently certified under OSHA 1910.178. | Ensure weather monitoring indicates safe, non-icing exterior conditions. | Confirm communication channels and dock signal lights are operational.

DOCK LEVELER & MECHANICAL SYSTEMS INSPECTION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Dock Leveler Lip and Deck**	Lip extends and retracts smoothly without binding; deck is free of oil, grease, ice, and structural cracks.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
2	**Hydraulic / Mechanical Hold-Down System**	Hold-down mechanism securely locks the leveler at trailer bed height and supports rated weight capacity.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
3	**Dock Seals and Shelter Curtains**	Seals form a tight, weatherproof perimeter against parked trailers without excessive tears or structural sagging.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

VEHICLE RESTRAINT & COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Automatic Vehicle Restraint / Hook**	Restraint arm successfully engages trailer rear undermanufactured guard (RIG) and displays solid green interior indicator light.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
5	**Manual Wheel Chocks**	Secondary wheel chocks are physically placed against rear tires of the trailer if the automatic restraint system fails.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
6	**Interior/Exterior Traffic Light System**	Red/green communication lights operate in synchronization; exterior red light shows until restraint is securely engaged.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

HOUSEKEEPING & FALL PREVENTION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
7	**Overhead Door and Safety Sensors**	Roll-up door auto-reverse sensors function properly when obstructed; manual pull chains are accessible and unfrayed.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
8	**Loading Dock Edge and Walkways**	Yellow safety boundary lines are clearly painted; dock edges are free of staging pallets, shrink wrap, and debris.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
9	**Dock Lighting and Floodlights**	Interior overhead illumination and trailer articulation spotlamps provide minimum 30 foot-candles of light.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

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