



DOs & DON'Ts

Transportation and Handling of Piping

DOs **IT'S WHAT YOU DO THAT COUNTS!**

- **DO** tie down pipe in the truck so it won't roll.
- **DO** use caution when loading and unloading pipe. Wear gloves, when possible, to prevent hand and finger injury.
- **DO** use proper lifting techniques when loading and unloading or carrying pipe. Get help if necessary.
- **DO** make sure pipe is secured to vehicle and properly flagged if it overhangs front or rear.
- **DO** balance the pipe load on both sides of the vehicle to improve stability; otherwise, vehicle may overturn on sharp curves.
- **DO** reduce speed and exercise caution when transporting heavy pipe loads. Braking distances are increased; vehicle stability is reduced.
- **DO** use slip knots to secure pipe to vehicle.

DON'Ts

- **DON'T** transport pipe in or on a vehicle not designed or equipped for that purpose.
- **DON'T** place smaller-diameter pipe inside larger-diameter pipe when transporting. A sudden stop could dislodge the smaller-diameter pipe.
- **DON'T** overload a vehicle to "get it all in one trip." If necessary, make two trips or use a larger vehicle.
- **DON'T** load a vehicle in such a way that pipe obstructs the driver's vision.
- **DON'T** use square knots to secure pipe to the vehicle. This type of knot is not as secure as a slip knot.
- **DON'T** use worn or rotten rope/cord to secure pipe to the vehicle.
- **DON'T** back up a vehicle that has pipe extending beyond the rear bumper without a spotter.
- **DON'T** throw pipe or fittings from truck to ground.
- **DON'T** thrust your hands into larger-diameter pipe without first looking inside.
- **DON'T** drop equipment on pipe in storage or at job site.
- **DON'T** use chains to tie down fiberglass pipe.
- **DON'T** handle pipe bundles without proper equipment.