Maintain 3 points of contact at all times
- Check ladder and handholds for defects before climbing
- Ascending and descending ladders—take your time and look before you step!
- Brace yourself while operating landing gear and be careful not to apply too much force and lose balance
- Climb in and out of the truck cab facing the unit; confirm a solid grip on each handhold

Slip/Trip/Fall Awareness
- Place any extra tools out of walkways and platforms
- Hooking and unhooking the hot hose requires extra care at all times of year
- Properly dispose of trash
- Sweep/clean up any spills immediately
- Be mindful of oil/grease on paved or vehicle surfaces; once on your boots, this becomes a slip and fall hazard

Driving Safety Tips
- First rain after a dry spell can cause roadways to be much more slippery
- New asphalt with fresh oil and rain water can be very slippery and increase stopping distances
- This time of year, more children are out of school and potentially near streets
- Summer is construction season—slow down and watch out for workers and stopped vehicles
- This is the season of construction hazards and unexpected traffic backups
- More vacationing ‘lost/distracted/sightseeing’ travelers
- Greater chance of roadside DOT check points; reminder: first week of June for the inspection blitz

Health Tips:
- Wear proper non-skid footwear (closed-toe work shoes or boots only!)
- To prevent bites from flies, mosquitos and spiders, pack insect repellant
- Be aware of wildlife near rail yards (snakes, scorpions, etc.)
- Wear sunscreen to prevent UV exposure
- When conditions are hot and humid, work slow enough to avoid overheating, which can lead to dehydration or heat stroke
- “Frogg Toggs Chilly Pad” is a driver-recommended relief solution for cooling your body temperature on hot days
- If you wear short-sleeve shirts, be cautious around hot hoses and pipes on trailers—burn injuries are possible

Maintenance Items:
- Carry a glass cleaner and paper towels to clean the bugs off the windshield
- Maintain engine fluid levels—especially coolant
- Check engine belt conditions on pre-trip inspection
- Recommended tire pressure is 105 psi for steer and wide-base tires; 95 psi on all dual tires (underinflated tires overheat more quickly and the potential of blowout increases dramatically)

Plastic Industry Specifics:
- Manage blower temperatures less than 240° by lowering rpms or pressure if needed
- Maintain air-cooler functionality and limitations to keep product temperature in the safe range
- Pay attention to product flow ability in high humidity (product will flow slower on high air temp and humidity days)
- Air transfer piping will be very hot from the blower to the air cooler (this includes the blower coupling hose)
- Cool down the blower for a one minute minimum before disconnecting hot hose
- Silo piping is already heated by sun and air temperature—product degradation is more likely
- Follow clean and reload trailer inspection and blowdown procedures, keeping a watchful eye for contaminants