

## **Equipment Safety Alert: Container and Chassis Usage**

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Dear Valued Customer,

As a ho'ohiki or commitment to safety, we wanted to share some important tips on container and chassis usage when shipping cargo through Young Brothers.

As with all intermodal equipment, a thorough pre-trip check of any chassis is a vital safety requirement. Checks of connectors, pins, landing gear, brakes, tires, and other chassis parts must be done prior to use.

In addition, to making sure your chassis is in proper working condition, a properly packed and balanced container load can prevent incidents from occurring during transport, as well as protect the valuable goods you entrust us to ship every day. Some things to keep in mind when placing goods into your container:

- Evenly distribute container contents over the length and width of container floor for balance and to minimize potential for shifting or tipping over on a truck chassis or forklift
- Consider weight and density of each item when deciding where to place it in the container
- Keep contents level and avoid lateral crushing by loading the entire container horizontally and filling void spaces with appropriate packing material
- Containers must be packed to prevent both front-to-back and side-to-side movement for ocean transport
- Load heavier items on the bottom with lighter contents on top – do not place heavy cargo on top of cargo that could be crushed or damaged
- Ensure cargo is lashed and, if needed, wedged, or blocked to prevent movement in transit
- Properly secure doors and locking mechanisms to prevent opening in transit
- Consider use of door safety nets where applicable
- Inspect the roof of containers and remove any loose items before transport.
- Follow all applicable regulations for properly shipping hazardous materials, ensuring proper packaging and segregation of all materials

We would like to reinforce to our industry partners that following these best practices are important to ensure the safety of our employees, equipment, and the communities in which we serve. Mahalo for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Young Brothers, LLC