



## LIFT GATES

are hydraulic or electric powered moving platforms located on the back of vehicles used in material handling. They can be found on some university vehicles used largely for facilities, events, catering, and waste handling operations. The most common types of injuries from lift gates are pinching, crushing, or amputation of feet or hands in the pinch points created during use. Receive training, pay attention to your surroundings, and follow all best practices when working with or near a lift gate.

## EXAMPLE BEST PRACTICES:

- Complete a pre-operation inspection.
- Place the vehicle in park or neutral and set the parking brake. Chock or block wheels on slopes, as needed.
- Read and follow all manufacturer's guidelines and instructional decals before use.
- Use good body mechanics when folding or unfolding a manual platform.
- Keep open communication with co-workers in the area.
- Ensure the gate's area is clear of people and objects.
- Keep hands and feet clear of pinch points.
- Do not enter the area below a raised gate.
- Do not exceed the lift's load rating.
- Secure top heavy loads. Let dropping items drop!
- Do not drive with the gate down.

## WHAT TO DO!

- Complete your "UO Driver's Certification" before operating university vehicles at [parking.uoregon.edu](http://parking.uoregon.edu)
- Receive training before the use of a lift gate! Contact your supervisor.
- Bring questions and maintenance concerns to your supervisor.
- Report any injuries to your supervisor immediately!
- In an emergency, call **911** and **UOPD** (541-346-2919) for immediate assistance!



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