



NORTHERN HIRE GROUP

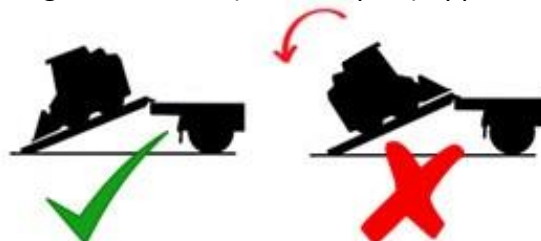
LOADING RAMPS Safe Use Guide



1. Do not use ramps for any other purpose than which they are intended.
2. Do not load ramps above the **rated capacity**.
3. Use correct manual handling tasks when moving or positioning ramps. Ramps can weigh in excess of 20kg each. Check for sharp edges prior to lifting, and use 2 persons to lift where practical.
4. Do not drop or throw ramps.
5. Inspect ramps for wear or damage prior to each use. Do not use damaged or altered ramps as they may fail.
6. Follow any safety instructions on the ramp itself.
7. Ensure carrying vehicle, or tow vehicle & trailer are fully braked & wheels chocked (if required). Do not allow ramps, carrying vehicle or trailer to move at any time during loading/unloading.
8. Ramps must be securely attached to the trailer/carrying vehicle.
9. Always load and unload with the feet of the ramp on a firm level surface, resting so that their taper is at an angle which is equal to or greater than the angle of the ramps in relation to the deck of the carrying vehicle. It is recommended that the gradient of the ramps do not exceed 22 degrees.



10. Do not use tracked machinery on ramps labelled 'pneumatic tyres only'.
11. Always load/unload with the greatest mass (heaviest part) uppermost on the ramp, to avoid the machine toppling over.



12. Position ramps to align wheels/tracks of vehicle/machine with centre of each ramp.



13. Ensure loading/unloading vehicle/machine remains straight while loading/unloading. Do not allow wheels or tracks to mount the side stiles of the ramp at any time.



14. Do not use ramps for pedestrian access unless specifically designed for the purpose.

15. Do not alter or adjust the ramps in any way. Never cut, bend, notch weld or drill any part of the ramp as it may interfere with the strength and integrity of the ramp, causing it to fail.

16. Do not use ramps near electrical hazards.

17. Ramp stiles are heat treated for strength. Do not apply artificial heat to any part of the ramp as this may interfere with the integrity of the ramp.

18. Do not leave vehicles, machinery or machinery attachments on ramps during transportation.

19. Ensure ramps are properly stored and secured during transportation to avoid movement which may cause damage to the ramps or other property.



***Loading & Unloading Vehicles, Heavy Plant & Machinery
can be DANGEROUS***



If in doubt,



and if necessary, seek advice before you **ACT**

