Truck Backing & Spotter Checklist

Maneuver details

Driver / date / unit

Site / destination / spotter

Before moving

- ☐ Choose a pull-through route when practical. Minimize the distance and number of backing movements.
- ☐ Park securely, get out, and inspect the full path. Check overhead clearance, tail swing, ground conditions, fixed objects, and pedestrian routes.
- ☐ Choose a position that improves visibility. Ask for a safer setup if the available space or blind-side approach is unsuitable.

Agree with the spotter

- ☐ Agree on the path, hand signals, and a clear STOP signal. Use one designated spotter to direct the maneuver.
- ☐ Keep the spotter visible in the agreed mirror and outside the vehicle’s path, crush zones, and swing area.
- ☐ Stop immediately if the spotter disappears, a signal is unclear, a person enters the area, or clearance becomes uncertain.

Back with control

- ☐ Move slowly enough to stop promptly. Check both mirrors and the front corners; cameras supplement direct checks.
- ☐ Stop, secure the vehicle, and get out again whenever necessary. Reset the approach instead of forcing the turn.
- ☐ Secure the parked vehicle before anyone approaches the rear or enters the loading area.

Site hazards / agreed stop point / changes needed

Briefing or coaching completed

Driver / trainer / date

OSHA: Safety at the destination