

# Accident Involving Live Animals Emergency Response Procedure

Try to remain calm! Taking actions without thinking may make the situation worse.

## List who to call:

- Be sure to explain that animals are on board and that a quick response is imperative.
- Call \_\_\_\_\_ or 911 if the emergency warrants.
- Tow \_\_\_\_\_
- Replacement truck/ \_\_\_\_\_
- Livestock handling equipment and \_\_\_\_\_
- Tire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mechanical \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance company \_\_\_\_\_
- Insurance contact: \_\_\_\_\_
- Person to call for assessment and possible euthanasia of animals following an accident (e.g. herd veterinarian, Ontario Pork):  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Destination load was headed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## List what steps or activities should be taken and, if applicable, who is responsible:

- Contact the identified emergency contact person as quickly as possible.
- If you are unhurt and able to move, assess the location and status of your truck and load.
- Put on a reflective safety vest and secure the immediate area.
- Check the condition of other vehicles if involved. Do not move injured drivers and passengers unless you must do so for their safety
- If the trailer is intact, the load should be pulled upright by a competent wrecker service as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Contact other transporters as soon as possible to assist with reloading and sorting if required.
- Gently, quietly and calmly herd any loose farm animals from the road and gather them in an area as far away from traffic as possible
- Monitor the load closely and adjust the weather protection if necessary to increase air flow.
- Under no circumstances let any farm animals off the trailer until a containment vehicle or suitable containment area is available.
- Euthanasia of injured animals should only be performed by properly trained and competent personnel.
- If you have called for a rescue trailer and back-up livestock handling support, let the police know the trailer and staff are on the way and estimated time of arrival.
- If possible, take pictures of the accident with a camera or phone. Include:
  - all four sides of the truck to get views of the accident from all angles;
  - skid marks;
  - curves and intersections in the road; and,
  - where the vehicle left the road.

- Contact insurance company.
- **If the press or animal activists should arrive at the scene, don't be rude. Be cordial but explain that you are focused on the care of the animals and safety of the load.** Direct them to police or fire officials on site.
- Do not make statements to the media or other parties but do not answer questions from reporters with "no comment." Saying this makes it seem like you are hiding something. As noted above, direct them to the police or fire officials.
- Other:

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