

Tips for Properly Loading Your Scout Trailer

When loading a trailer, it's essential to follow proper guidelines to ensure safety and stability. Here are some steps to help you load a trailer effectively:

1. **Weight Distribution:**

- Load your heavier cargo towards the **front** of the trailer.
- Place **less weight** at the **rear** of the trailer.
- Aim for approximately **60%** of the cargo weight in front and **40%** in the back (unless otherwise instructed by your trailer's manufacturer).
- Center the heavier cargo left-to-right.

2. **Secure Your Load:**

- Use **straps** or **ropes** to secure your load to the trailer.
- Make sure everything is tightly fastened to prevent shifting during transit.

3. **Stacking Order:**

- Put **heavy and large items** on the **bottom** and on the **side** of the trailer.
- Place **light and delicate items** on top of the heavy ones, ensuring they are supported and secured by the wall or the back of the trailer.
- Fill gaps between items with soft materials like pillows, bags, or rugs to prevent shaking and damage.

4. **Safety Measures:**

- **Reduce your driving speed** when towing a loaded trailer.
- Always **wear your seatbelt**.
- If the trailer starts swaying:
 - Keep your hands securely on the steering wheel.
 - Take your foot off the gas pedal.
 - **Do NOT slam on the brakes or accelerate.**
 - Pull over in a safe area away from traffic.
 - Adjust the distribution of your cargo to put more weight in front before continuing.

Remember: Properly loading a trailer ensures a safer towing experience. Don't forget to double-check that all trailer lights are working properly. Happy trailering! 🚗👍