**Trailer Use Template Guide**

The template criteria provided below is a sample list of audit or inspection criteria that is potentially related to the operations at your organization. You may review the samples below and use them as jumping off points for creating custom audit or inspection templates in the SafetySkills Empower system. They may be used in their entirety without change or edited and expanded to suit the specific needs of your organization. Use of these criteria is entirely optional and to be used at your discretion.

**General**

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| Are all tires free of damage, cracks, and signs of excessive wear? |
| Is the trailer hitch coupler free of cracks or damage? |
| Does the hitch coupler latch function properly? |
| Is the hitch coupler latch equipped with a safety pin? |
| Is the hitch coupler equipped with safety chains and attachable to vehicle? |
| Does the vehicle towing have a trailer brake controller? |
| Is the vehicle rated to pull the trailer and load? |
| Is the trailer and tires rated for the load? |
| Is the light and brakes hook up compatible with the vehicle and in full working order (damage free)? |
| Do the trailer brakes function correctly? |
| Do the trailer lights function correctly? |
| Are the trailer springs free of cracks or damage? |
| Is the trailer bed free of holes, buckling, other damage or obstructions? |
| Is proper tire clearance maintained under load? |
| Are wheel checks in place to ensure overall good condition and ensure good tracking and alignment? |

**“Goose Neck”**

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| Is the cross beam free of cracks and damage? |
| Are the crossbeam bolts secure? |
| Are safety chain rings provided in good working order? |
| Is the locking mechanism on the neck functioning correctly? |
| Is the locking mechanism on the neck equipped with safety pin? |
| Does lights/brake hookup match vehicle connection? |
| Is the lights/brake hookup of sufficient length to allow for 90 degrees turning? |
| Is the vehicle equipped with a trailer brake controller? |
| Is the vehicle equipped with tow mirrors suitable for 90 degree turning maneuvers? |
| Are all tie down points secure and free of cracks and damage? |

**5th Wheel**

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| Is the 5th wheel beam secured to vehicle? |
| Is the latch auto-locking? |
| Has the king pin lock been greased and is it rated for load? |
| Is the king pin free of cracks and damage? |
| Is the lights/brake hookup of sufficient length for 90 degrees turning maneuver? |