



Safety Tip of the Week

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Heavy Equipment Safety

Consideration should be given to issues related to working around heavy equipment:

- Inspect the equipment prior to operation to ensure that all lights and audible alarms are working properly.
- Define a route and clear visual path for the operator when moving equipment from the point of origin to the work site.
- Set up of the equipment at the work area should be stable and have enough space to allow the equipment and workers to perform the planned tasks.
- Use 3-point mounting and dismounting technique off of heavy equipment - NEVER JUMP OFF HEAVY EQUIPMENT.
- Establish a danger zone, that is, the working area where contact could result in personal injury or damage during operations.
- Use predefined hand signals or two-way radios between the operator and person in charge of the work crew to accomplish any and all movement.
- Maintain a clear line of site between the operator and workers. Blind spots are common. If you can't see the operator, he can't see you.
- Use a spotter when heavy equipment is in motion. This requires communication between the operator and workers to maintain safe movement.
- Always try to walk on the driver side of equipment as the passenger side has a larger blind spot.
- Workers should keep a safe distance from all sides of the heavy equipment while it is in use.
- Be aware of the swing radius on certain equipment and, if possible, cordon off the area with barriers or caution tape.
- Wear high visibility clothing and Personal Protective Equipment
- Never work under a suspended or overhead load
- Always stay alert



Those who Plan Ahead usually keep a close watch all around!!



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