

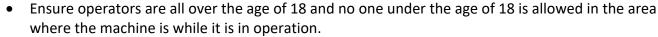
Safety Tip of the Week

Compactor and Baler Safety

Compacting and baling machines have uses in many industries but are involved in a number of fatalities and serious injuries. Many workers have been killed while attempting to clear a jam from an operating compactor, or inadvertently activating equipment that was not properly de-energized.

Safety Precautions:

- Regularly inspect the baler or compactor prior to operations to verify it appears to be in proper working order
- Confirm that safety guards, gates, and screens on the baler or compactor are functioning, and the machine does not operate when these are open.



- Never climb inside the machine or insert a hand or leg to try to resolve a problem with jammed or stuck materials.
- If the machine has been tagged or marked that it needs repair, do not operate it.
- Never attempt to fix a broken machine yourself unless you have been trained and certified to perform maintenance and repairs on your compactors.
- Wear safety gloves, goggles, earplugs, and hard hats as needed when working around, operating, and using waste balers and compactors.
- Require authorized operators to enter a passcode into a keypad to operate the machine.
- Always leave the machine in the "off" position whenever it is not in use.

DON'T LET A COMPACTOR OR BALER PUT THE SQUEEZE ON YOUR SAFETY!!

