

	WORKING AROUND EQUIPMENT	Date:
	TOOLBOX / TAILGATE TALK	Presenter:

Walking / working around Equipment /Vehicles

Introduction

1. Review any accidents or "near accidents" from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the SAFE way of doing the job.
3. Give the Tool box Safety Talk

The second highest cause of construction-related deaths is being struck by an object. If vehicle safety practices are not observed at your site, you risk being pinned between construction vehicles and walls, struck by swinging backhoes, crushed beneath overturned vehicles, or other similar accidents. If you work near public roadways you risk being struck by trucks or cars. Follow these safety tips to help protect yourself and, if you're driving a vehicle, other workers:

- Drive vehicles or equipment only on roadways or grades that are safely constructed and maintained. Obey all project speed limits.
- Do not drive a vehicle in reverse gear with an obstructed rear view unless it has an audible reverse alarm, or another worker signals that it is safe.
- Make sure that you and all other personnel are in the clear before using dumping or lifting devices.
- Lower or block bulldozer and scraper blades, end-loader buckets, dump bodies, etc., when not in use, and leave all controls in neutral position.
- Set parking brakes when vehicles and equipment are parked, and chock the wheels if they are on an incline.
- Use traffic signs, barricades and flaggers when construction takes place near public roadways.
- If you're working near roadways, make sure you're highly visible in all levels of light. High visibility clothing is required; and if worn for night work, must be of reflective material.



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