

# Toolbox Talk: Working Safely Around Heavy Equipment

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## Purpose

To discuss safe practices and precautions when working around heavy equipment to reduce the risk of accidents and injuries.

## Hazards

- Struck-by and caught-between injuries
- Equipment rollovers
- Contact with moving parts
- Noisy environments affecting communication
- Poor visibility for operators

## Safe Work Practices

- Always stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Maintain eye contact with equipment operators when working nearby.
- Never approach heavy equipment unless the operator is informed and has acknowledged you.
- Wear high-visibility clothing and required personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Only authorized and trained personnel should operate heavy equipment.
- Keep a safe distance and use designated walkways whenever possible.
- Do not assume the operator can see you—use agreed-upon signals for communication.
- Watch for blind spots and always make your presence known before entering these areas.

## Pre-Operational Checks

- Inspect equipment for any defects or damage before use.
- Check safety devices, alarms, and backup warning signals.
- Ensure seat belts and safety guards are in place and functional.

## Emergency Procedures

- Know the location of emergency exits and assembly points.
- Report any hazards or unsafe conditions immediately.
- In case of an incident, follow the established emergency response plan.

## Discussion Points

1. Can you identify any blind spots or hazards on our site today?
  2. What steps can we take to improve communication between ground workers and operators?
  3. Are all PPE and safety protocols being followed?
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