

10 TIPS FOR WHEEL LOADER MACHINE SAFETY

Safety is everyone's business - especially the operator's.

Machine safety begins with conducting a pre-operation walkaround before every shift. Report any broken or non-working parts to the maintenance manager or the proper person on the worksite. Read and learn from the Operation & Maintenance Manual. Be aware of all safety warnings on the Wheel Loader.

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- 1 Mount and dismount the machine only at locations that have steps and/or handholds. Always use three points of contact.
 - 2 Buckle the seat belt. Always stay seated while operating the controls.
 - 3 Never ride or carry anyone in the bucket of the machine.
 - 4 Carry the load low, to maintain stability and visibility. However, make sure the load is high enough to avoid contact with the pavement.
 - 5 Never allow anyone to walk under a raised bucket.
 - 6 Watch for overhead wires and obstacles when the bucket is raised.
 - 7 Know the machine's blind spots. Use a spotter when necessary.
 - 8 Avoid any ground condition which could cause the machine to tip. Tipping can occur when working on hills, banks or slopes. Tipping can also occur when crossing ditches, ridges or other unexpected obstructions.
 - 9 Know and avoid the machine's pinch points such as the bucket arms or the articulation area.
 - 10 Never overload the bucket. Learn the load limits listed in the Operation & Maintenance Manual.



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