

7 WAYS TO PREVENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT ACCIDENTS

Machine accidents can happen when you least expect it. **Here are seven ways that operators can avoid an accident and stay safety minded.**

1 PRE-OPERATION WALKAROUND

Conduct a walkaround prior to your shift. Look for any faulty parts and report to the proper person.

2 3-POINTS OF CONTACT

Safely mount and dismount the machine using three points of contact.

3 BUCKLE UP

Always wear your seatbelt. No excuses.

4 ON OVERLOAD

Always be aware of the machine's load limits. Check for proper rigging and never overload the machine. Disaster can occur by overloading. Tipping, dropping, and breakage can occur.

5 FATIGUE

Never operate the machine when you are overly fatigued. Take regular breaks, drink plenty of water and eat to stay healthy and alert.

6 BLIND SPOTS

All heavy equipment has areas of restricted visibility. The machine's owner/operator manual will detail these blind spots. When in doubt get out of the machine and check before moving.

7 COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY

Stay in contact with ground crew. Know who is around the machine at all times. Use a two-way radio or a spotter and hand signals.

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