

Every year, many workers in the U.S. are injured by vehicles and mobile equipment while working in the same area at the same time.

## When You Are Operating Equipment

- Wear a seat belt that meets OSHA standards.
- Check vehicles before each shift to assure that all parts and accessories are in safe operating condition.
- Use radios or other means of communication to convey your travel intentions.
- 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.
- Swinging counterweights often create a dangerous pinch-point where a worker could get caught between the equipment and some barrier. The swing radius of equipment must be barricaded to prevent exposure.
- Make sure that you and all other personnel are in the clear before using dumping or lifting devices.
- Lower or block blades, buckets, dump bodies 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.
- Do not exceed a vehicle's rated load or lift capacity, and do not carry personnel unless there is a safe place to ride.



## When You Are Walking Around On Site

- Never take for granted that equipment operators see you. Wear reflective materials on clothing when traveling on foot in areas where reduced lighting could affect personal safety.
- Make visual contact with equipment operators before walking close to the machines.
- Never use cell phones or headphones that may cause a distraction or limit your ability to hear warning signals.
- Never walk alongside moving equipment. Keep in the clear in case the unit suddenly turns your way, slides, or the load shifts.
- Stop, look, and listen before stepping out from behind equipment, stock piles, trailers, or any other blind spot into the work zone.
- Stay out from under loads on cranes or hoists. Use established walkways and avoid shortcuts

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