

TOOLBOX TALKS

Stacking Snow Using Heavy Equipment

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TOPIC: Using heavy equipment to stack or remove snow with pedestrians around can be challenging. Here are some tips that will help keep you, your equipment and the public safe.

Heavy Equipment

- Always read and understand the Operation and Maintenance Manual before operating any piece of equipment
- Perform a walk around inspection before and after each shift
- If you dismount the machine, be sure to perform another walk around before you resume snow removal
- Be sure all fluids are properly maintained and all gauges are properly working
- Always check to be sure your mirrors are clean and properly positioned for best visibility
- Always sound your horn and pause a moment before moving your machine

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- Familiarize yourself with your surroundings
- Know your machines limit
- Know where the walkways are and the entries and exits of any lots
- Be cautious of pedestrians; they may not always see you, even though you are operating large equipment
- Know the operating hours are for the businesses for whom you are removing snow for
- Clearly marked all obstructions before you begin
- Never rush to complete a job, operate the equipment slowly and safely to complete the job
- Do not shake the blade/bucket of the machine to get all of the snow out - it could result in equipment damage

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