

TOOLBOX TALKS

Chipper Machines

SAFETY.CAT.COM™

Toolbox Talks are intended to facilitate health and safety discussions on the job site. For additional Toolbox Talks, please visit SAFETY.CAT.COM™.

TOPIC: Chipper Machines

Hazards

- Amputation or death can occur as a result of workers being pulled into chippers
- Injury from flying objects
- Hearing loss

Before Using

- Operate only after being trained in the safe use of the machine
- New workers using a chipper should always be supervised to ensure they work safely
- Chock trailer wheels to prevent detached trailer chippers from rolling or sliding on slopes
- When servicing (unjamming) or maintaining the chipper, use a lockout system to ensure the equipment cannot begin running

While Using

- Always follow the manufacturer's operation, maintenance, and safety instructions
- NEVER reach into the chipper while it is operating
- Never wear loose-fitting clothing near a chipper
- Prevent contact with operating chipper components by guarding the infeed and discharge ports and securing doors or access covers so they cannot be opened until the drum or disc comes to a complete stop
- Always wear appropriate personal protection equipment, such as earplugs, safety glasses, hard hats, and gloves

Discussion Date: _____

Employee Participants:

The material in this document is provided for informational purposes only and not as a comprehensive or exhaustive resource on this topic. This material has been compiled from a multitude of sources believed to be accurate; however, Caterpillar Inc. assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or currency of this information and encourages you to consult experts in this area for more information. In no event does the content of this document supersede any applicable local, state, or federal statutes or regulations.

SAFETY.CAT.COM™
<http://safety.cat.com/toolbox>

