TOPIC: No one can anticipate every possible scenario. At some point you will have to rely on your judgment either to avoid a dangerous situation—or to get out of one. Even the best-trained operator has to pay attention on the work site. Situations can change from moment to moment, and your ability to react instantly is vital. Report any problems to your supervisor.

Planning - having a plan, as well as a contingency plan, employee training on those plans, and constantly reviewing those plans with your team will develop a safety awareness that can reduce emergencies before they happen.

Emergency Safety Tips

- Don't panic. To get control of your situation you must first be in control of yourself.
- Know your tool or machine. Get proper operational training now, before an emergency. And make sure the machine is properly maintained and in good repair.
- Be prepared. You must remain focused, healthy, and alert.
- Communicate. One of the most important things any heavy equipment operator can do is communicate with other operators and the ground crew at the work site.
  - Use radios.
  - Avoid making assumptions.
  - Warn other workers about site conditions.