

TOOLBOX TALKS

Agriculture Industry: Safety Using Loaders

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TOPIC: Being safe while using a loader

Safe Handling Tips

- Watch for obstructions and depressions in the ground
- Drive smoothly, avoid quick stops, turns, and starts
- Always keep the bucket as low as possible when turning or transporting materials
- Always follow manufacture's weight recommendations
- Use the proper amount of ballast for stability
- Adjust the width of the tractor to the greatest width practical
- Only use a front end loader for its' intended purpose
- Never use a loader for such jobs like, removing fence posts, towing, or demolition of structures
- Lower loader arms slowly and steadily
- Drive slow
- Be sure the area you are working in is free of overhead obstructions
- Stay off steep slopes
- Be aware of possible cave in when backfilling an area
- Watch for falling materials or cave-ins when undercutting
- Always operate the machine from the operator's seat
- Never walk or work under a raised loader
- Always place the bucket on the ground when you are finished using the machine
- Always shift the machine into "park" or "neutral", and turn the key to the off position
- Never leave the keys in the machine when not in use
- ALWAYS read and understand the Operators Manual
- Be aware to your surroundings and other people in the area

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