

TOOLBOX TALKS

Agriculture Industry: Combine Fires

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TOPIC: Combine Fires

The prevention of combine fires is critically important during harvest time. A fire is not only extremely dangerous, but it can also cause unneeded down time when the crop is ready to be harvested. Below are some helpful safety tips to prevent combine fires:

Employee Participants:

Prevention of Fires

- Be sure that wires and fuses are always kept in proper operating condition
- When replacing wires, make sure they are routed and insulated properly
- Always use heat-resistant insulation
- Regularly inspect fuel lines
- Keep fuel lines in good condition and be sure all connections are tight
- Never dispense gasoline near open flames or while the engine is running
- Always inspect the machine for build up of harvest materials (chaff and leaves) before operation
- Remove all excess crop residue from rotating units
- Always be sure to extinguish small stubble fires
- Keep your work area clean
- Wipe up any gas or oil spills as they happen
- Always have a fire extinguisher within reach

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