

# TOOLBOX TALKS

## RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY

Toolbox Talks are designed to promote safety discussions and best practices on the jobsite. To see more Toolbox Talks, please visit [cat.com/toolboxtalks](https://cat.com/toolboxtalks).

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 worksite. Situations can change from moment to moment, and your ability to react instantly is vital. Report any problems to your supervisor.

### 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. Perform your daily machine walk-around inspection to 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

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