

# TOOLBOX TALKS

## SAFE PRACTICES—DIESEL FUEL TIPS

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Diesel fuel powers many different types of equipment and vehicles, exposure to it can be hazardous to your health. Contact, either direct or indirect, with diesel fuel can irritate skin and cause respiratory problems. Here are some precautions to help minimize excessive exposure:

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Be sure diesel equipment is properly maintained
- Check for any exhaust leaks
- Fix cracks in vehicles and repair holes in the floor to prevent exhaust from entering the vehicle
- Always be sure to properly clean up spills
- Use exhaust ventilation fans
- Minimize diesel engine operations while inside garages without adequate ventilation
- Always avoid direct contact with diesel fuel
- Always be sure to wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when working with or around diesel fuel
- Wash any skin or clothing thoroughly if diesel fuel contact is made
- If you are overexposed to diesel vapors, leave the area immediately and take deep breaths of fresh air
- Always turn the machine off when fueling a vehicle with diesel fuel or gasoline

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