TOOLBOX TALKS

EQUIPMENT MOUNTING & DISMOUNTING

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

Safe access when mounting or dismounting various pieces of equipment is an essential part of workplace safety.

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☑ **PROPER APPROACH:**

- Always face equipment when mounting or dismounting
- Always use the access provided by the manufacturer

☑ **3 POINTS OF CONTACT:**

- When mounting and dismounting equipment, personnel should always maintain contact with either 2 hands and 1 foot, or 1 hand and 2 feet. Failure to use this method can result in serious injuries
- Personnel should not carry anything in their hands while mounting or dismounting equipment. Tools and other objects should be handled after mounting and dismounting
- Maintain traction by ensuring footwear and footholds are free of potential hazards such as dirt, mud, ice, oil, grease or other debris

☑ **DISMOUNT:**

- Ensure ground is free from obstructions such as rocks, holes or other surface issues prior to dismount

☑ **INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE:**

- Inspect access/egress areas for slip or trip hazards
- Ensure steps, grab bars and handrails are properly secured and free of defects and debris
- Ensure landing areas, if equipped, are free from obstructions and are equipped with adequate lighting

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