

TOOLBOX TALK Week 23

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

The following are some general precautions, which apply to most construction equipment.

- Don't be a show-of. Experienced operators know that a well-balanced smooth work cycle gets more work done and prevents undue machine wear and accidents.
- Always make sure all operators have been trained and carry the certification card with them.
- Some Equipment Training Cards are only good for 3 years from the date of the training. Contact your supervisor if your card has expired or has been lost.
- Always be alert and don't get distracted. If attention must be turned elsewhere, stop the machine.
- All equipment needs to be greased every Monday to help keep it in good working order.
- Inspect machinery daily; don't forget to log it in your equipment logbook. Check for loose, worn or damaged parts. Report any unsafe conditions immediately. Do not operate the machine until all problems have been corrected.
- Never alter guards or removing them during service. Guards are there to protect you.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Always make sure that all safety devices are in working order.
- Have a fire extinguisher on hand and know how to use it. Check your fire extinguisher monthly to be sure it is in working order.
- Be a good housekeeper. Keep the deck operating area clean. Be sure shoes are clean before operating machinery. Keep loose parts and tools in a toolbox. Use only non-flammable solutions for cleaning. Never leave trash in the operator's area.



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