



# Toolbox Safety Talks

## Blocking Equipment II

- 1) What are the hazards involved with blocking equipment?
  - a. Unexpected movement
- 2) What hazards should you look for before and while in the process of blocking equipment?
  - a. Stable ground
  - b. Stability and condition of blocks
  - c. Weight of the object to be blocked
  - d. Are locks and tags in place
  - e. The environment around your work area
- 3) What safe practices should be used when blocking equipment for maintenance?
  - a. Always lock and tag the equipment out prior to beginning the necessary repair
  - b. Block the equipment against motion of any kind
  - c. Block both sides of blades and buckets, and not just on the corner
  - d. When the repairs are finished, use extreme caution in removing the blocking. It could have shifted or taken on added weight during the repair process
  - e. Use solid, flat sided blocking material, not rotten, round or hollow material

**You should always make the equipment that you are blocking safe enough for your children or grandchildren to play there. If you have any doubts as to if the machine is safe enough to work under, then you have answered your question with your doubts.**

**Block that equipment better!!!**

- 4) Which of our equipment requires blocking for maintenance? Why?
- 5) Are any of our blocks in poor condition?
- 6) Why do we have to worry about the environment around us when performing maintenance work?
- 7) Has anyone had an accident near-miss while working with blocks?
- 8) Can someone demonstrate and explain the areas and proper techniques for blocking a dozer?



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**Make Time for Safety, Everyday!** – Yes, production is important, *but the focus must be on Safe Production!* Keep that in the back of your mind. Don't take risky chances and stay out of harm's way. Nobody goes to work thinking 'I'm going to get hurt or killed on the job today!' But every day 15,000-17,000 workers suffer disabling injuries on the job and another 11-17 are killed. ***What are you doing to make sure it doesn't happen on your shift?***

***Keep stoking the fire; we can't let the 'Safety Train' run out of steam!***

**Date Presented:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Attendance Sheet
