



# Toolbox Safety Talks

## Pre-Operation Checks

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- 1)** What are the hazards involved with not completing pre-operation checks on equipment?
  - a. Not finding potentially dangerous problems prior to operation
  
- 2)** What hazards should you look for during pre-operation checks?
  - a. Use your checklist designed for each piece of equipment, no not skip any checks
    - Brakes, machine guards, seatbelts, fluids, broken pieces and parts, tire pressure, lights, horns, back up alarms, fire extinguishers, etc.
  
- 3)** What safe practices should be used when completing a pre-operation check?
  - a. Visually inspect the machine from the ground up, specifically looking for oil leaks, defective steps, low or damaged tires, or other damaged components
  - b. While you are making your walk around, watch out for tripping or slipping hazards and other equipment that might be operating in your area
  - c. Check all the required fluid levels
  - d. Maintain three points of contact when you mount the machine
  - e. Check all the safety features of your machine: lights, horn, safety belts, back up alarm, fire extinguishers, etc
  - f. Fill out your pre-op form
  - g. If you find any defect on your machine, you must report it to your supervisor and not run the machine until the problem is corrected

If you do not complete a thorough pre-operation check of your machine or equipment, you are putting not only yourself at danger, but also your coworkers and other personnel at your site.

- 4)** Which of our equipment requires a pre-operation check? (all of them)
- 5)** Are any of our machines or equipment in need of repair?
- 6)** Is there a way to improve our pre-operation checks?
- 7)** Has anyone had an accident or near-miss accident due to not noticing something on a pre-operation check?
- 8)** Can someone demonstrate and explain the typical steps of a pre-operation check on 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presented By:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Attendance Sheet

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