



Toolbox Safety Talks

Loading Heavy Equipment for Transport

- 1)** What are the hazards involved with loading heavy equipment?
 - a. Serious injury to yourself or others

- 2)** What hazards should be recognized prior to loading?
 - a. Always read and understand the Operation and Maintenance Manual
 - b. Always be sure to clean off rocks and debris from tracks and roller frames before loading
 - c. Check for fluid leakage
 - d. Always measure your load
 - e. Check and meet federal, state, or local regulations for height, weight, and width
 - f. ALWAYS verify the trailer floor and tie-downs are serviceable

- 3)** What safe practices should be used when loading?
 - a. Always wear the appropriate PPE when in, on, or around any machine
 - b. Always wear your seatbelt
 - c. Eye contact should be maintained by the operator and all around the machine
 - d. Keep anyone not involved in the loading away from the area
 - e. Make sure the machine is balanced
 - f. Lower all work tools
 - g. If work tools cannot be lowered, lock all work tools in their transport position (e.g. the center lock-pin for a backhoe loader)
 - h. Lock the transmission in neutral and apply the parking brake
 - i. Make sure the machine is off and key removed
 - j. As a rule, you should use one chain for every 8500 pounds (3855.5 kg) of weight, or one chain for every 10 linear feet (3.1 meters) of cargo

- 4)** Which of our machines are moved on a regular basis?
- 5)** Are there any safety issues that were not mentioned above?
- 6)** Is there a way to better our loading procedures?
- 7)** Has anyone had an accident or near-miss while loading equipment?
- 8)** Can someone tell me what measurements must be made prior to loading and once loaded?



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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
