



Toolbox Safety Talks

Equipment Operation on a Slope

- 1) What are the hazards involved with operating equipment on a slope?
 - a. Equipment rollover or slide resulting in serious injury or death
- 2) What hazards should you look for prior to operating equipment on a slope?
 - a. Terrain
 - b. Equipment maintenance
 - c. Operator training
- 3) What safe practices should be used when operating equipment on a slope?
 - a. Uneven terrain can make the machine less stable
 - b. Be cautious of newly filled material
 - c. Rocks and moisture can reduce traction and stability
 - d. Rocky surfaces can cause a machine to side slip down a slope
 - e. Balance is critical, be sure you have the right equipment and attachments
 - f. Know the weights and balance of any implements being towed
 - g. Be sure you have the correct type of tires
 - h. Make sure the machine's fluids are full
 - i. Always consult the Operator and Maintenance Manual for proper fluid level requirements
 - j. ALWAYS wear your seat belt
 - k. Avoid operating across the slope
 - l. Always operate up and down the slope
 - m. Make sure the heaviest end of the machine is going uphill
 - n. Keep all attachments or pulled loads as low to the ground as possible
 - o. Know when the slope is too steep to be safely worked on
- 4) What time of year are slopes most hazardous? Why?
- 5) Do we have any equipment in need of repair, maintenance, or new tires?
- 6) Why is it safer to run up and down slopes as opposed to across the slope?
- 7) Which way should the lightest end of your machine be facing when traveling down slope?
- 8) Has anyone ever rolled or slid on a slope? How could it have been prevented?



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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!

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Attendance Sheet
