



# Toolbox Safety Talks

## Heavy Equipment - Footing

- 1)** What are the hazards involved with poor footing and handrails on heavy equipment?
  - a. Slips, trips, and falls resulting in serious injuries
  
- 2)** What hazards should you look for prior to mounting or dismounting?
  - a. Damaged or worn steps & handrails
  - b. Oil on the steps
  - c. Icy steps and handrails
  - d. Boot condition
  
- 3)** What safe practices should be used to prevent slips and falls from equipment?
  - a. Ensure the steps to your cab or operator's position are sturdy, in good repair, and equipped with handholds that can be used all the way to the cab
  - b. Always maintain three points of contact when entering or exiting a machine. (Two feet and one hand, or two hands and one foot in contact with the ladder and rails at all times)
  - c. Acquire and apply slip resistant abrasive material to slick metal steps
  - d. Be aware of conditions that often lead to slips—such as rain, mud, and oily boots
  - e. Pay complete attention when going up and down the steps
  - f. Make sure you have adequate traction on your boots
  
- 4)** Do we have any equipment with steps of handrails in need of repair?
- 5)** Who do we report these issues to?
- 6)** Everyone look at the bottom of their boots, do you need a new pair?
- 7)** Has anyone had an accident or near-miss due to slipping off of you machine?
- 8)** Can someone demonstrate and explain the three points of contact rule?



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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
