



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. If not already on the steps, 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 or 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 your machine?
- 8) Can someone demonstrate and explain the three points of contact rule?



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