



# 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 out 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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