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SKID STEER SAFETY

Topic Overview

Because of its compact size, precision, and ability to use different attachments, a skid steer is especially valuable on construction sites. To prevent accidents with skid steer loaders, read and follow directions in the equipment operator's manual. Pay attention to safety instructions in the manual and to warning labels on the equipment.

Hazards to be aware of

Workers who are on the ground around this equipment can be pinned and crushed between a skid steer and another object. Skid steer operators can also be crushed by their own machine.



Safety Tips

Operating Safely

- Operate the loader from the operator compartment - never from the outside.
- Stay seated when operating the loader controls.
- Always have the seat belt fastened and the restrain bar in place.
- Keep your arms, legs, and head inside the cab while operating the loader.
- When possible, plan to load, unload and turn on level ground.
- For maximum stability, travel and turn with the bucket in the lowest position possible.
- Never exceed the manufacturer's recommended load capacity.
- Operate on stable surfaces only.
- Avoid travelling across slopes; travel straight up or down with the heavy end of the machine pointed uphill.
- Face the direction of travel as much as possible, within reason.
- Keep bystanders away from the work area.
- Never modify or bypass safety devices.

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Entering and Exiting from the Loader Safely

- Enter only when the bucket or other attachment is flat on the ground or when the lift-arm supports are in place.
- Use supports supplied or recommended by the manufacturer.
- Never use foot or hand controls for steps or handholds.
- Keep all walking and working surfaces clean and clear of debris.
- Before leaving the operator seat:
 - Lower the bucket or other attachment flat to the ground.
 - Set the parking brake.
 - Turn off the engine.
- If you are unable to exit through the front of the machine, use the emergency exit through the roof or across the back.



Maintaining the Loader in Safe Operating Condition:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for maintaining the loader.
- Keep the foot controls and the operator's compartment free of mud, ice, snow, and debris.
- If the machine cannot be serviced with the bucket on the ground, use the lift arm supports recommended or provided by the manufacturer. If the machine is not equipped with lift arm supports, contact the equipment dealer or manufacturer's rep for help in selecting proper supports.
- Never work on the machine with the engine running unless directed to do so by the operator's manual. Follow the manufacturer's safety recommendations to complete the task. If the adjustments require that the engine be in operation, use two persons to perform the task.
- Before servicing, set the parking brake, and lower all attachments and buckets to the ground. Turn off the engine and remove the key.

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Review previous Workplace Inspections

Review previous Accident/Incident/Near Misses

Other Safety Issues or Suggestions made by Staff

Attendance Record

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WORKER REP			