

Construction Jobsite Safety

The safety rules listed below are guidelines for safety procedures which should assist in preventing accidents or injuries while on the construction jobsite.

Safety Rules

- Everyone must wear seat belts when driving and operating machines or forklifts.
- Do not operate vehicles or machines when fatigued.
- Report to work free from the aftereffects of drugs or alcohol.
- Report maintenance needs or hazards before the end of your work shift.
- Report incidents or injuries in writing immediately.
- Know the jobsite severe weather plan.
- Clean up spills and hazards that could cause a slip, trip or fall.
- Wear hearing and eye protection.
- Get help to team lift heavy objects.
- Perform a safety walk-around prior to moving vehicles or machines on the jobsite.
- Inspect construction machines and tools for hazards or maintenance concerns before use.
- Wear proper safety footwear when on a jobsite.
- Wear an approved hard hat when working on construction jobsites.
- Wear a reflective, high-visibility vest when working near traffic or construction machines.
- Stay ten feet away from overhead entrances and power lines.
- Scan for overhead power lines before raising ladders, dump beds, or booms.
- Do not work underneath raised loads.
- If exposed to a fall hazard you must be protected by guardrails, safety net or personal fall arrest system.
- Use three-point contact when climbing ladders.
- Do not overreach when working from ladders.
- Secure ladders to prevent tip over or kick out.
- Do not use the top two rungs of step ladders.
- Do not jump from equipment or trucks.
- Use three-point contact when mounting or dismounting trucks or machines. Do not jump.
- Employees must be protected by trench sloping, shoring or shielding.
- Never raise employees in the bucket of loaders, skid-steers or excavators.
- Operators must look behind machines before backing.
- Drivers must get out and look or use a spotter before backing.
- Never climb into dumpsters to “compress” or dig by hand through jobsite waste.

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