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## WORKING AROUND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The best way to avoid danger from self-propelled heavy equipment, such as loaders, backhoes, and trucks, is to keep your eyes open and stay out of the way. The operator does his best to be aware of all the workers and hazards in his work area. But with all the activity and commotion on the construction site, he may not see you; especially if you enter his immediate work area in his blind spot. A construction site, as you know, is not only busy, it's noisy. Often after working around frequent back-up alarms and noisy equipment, workers begin to tune them out. This is dangerous

Be especially careful when a machine is backing up. Always assume that the operator can't see you and act accordingly. No matter how much of a hurry you are in, never, never, never, take a chance and dart behind a vehicle that's backing up. If you slip and fall, you're done.

### RIDING ON OR IN EQUIPMENT

Don't ride on any vehicle or equipment except those that are designed to transport passengers. This goes for the running board or steps of a backhoe, dump trucks, mixers, or other moving equipment. Hopping in the bucket of a loader or bobcat is a serious no-no. Riding on the top of a load is also dangerous. You may fall off or be crushed if the load shifts. When riding in passenger vehicles, keep your arms and legs inside.

### WALKING BESIDE EQUIPMENT

Maintain as much distance as possible when walking beside or past a piece of moving equipment. You could be killed or severely injured if the machine makes a sudden turn, or if the load it's carrying shifts and falls, or you trip over an obstruction on the ground and fall into the equipment's travel path.

It is a good habit to make eye contact with the equipment operator of any machine that is moving in and around your work

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zone every thirty seconds or so. A skilled and careful equipment operator is constantly shifting his line of sight in order to cover as much of his work area as possible. Making eye contact creates an unspoken communication that says, "I see you and am aware of your presence."

### OTHER EQUIPMENT

It is not only vehicles, but moving equipment of any kind that is dangerous. Unless it is designed for you to be on it, always exit portable man-lifts, scaffolding, or work platforms before you move them to a new location on the jobsite.

### STAY ALERT

Keep your head by not getting behind (or alongside of) moving equipment. Don't take anything related to heavy equipment that is moving around a project for granted. Always assume that equipment operator can't see you and act accordingly. The more you're alert, the less chance you'll have of getting hurt. •