



FRIDAY 5/8/2026 TOOLBOX TALK:

HEAVY EQUIPMENT SAFETY

Heavy equipment is essential to our work, but it also presents serious risks. Modern machines include safety features like alarms, sensors, and rollover protection, but these only work if they're used properly. Trained, alert operators are the key to preventing accidents, injuries, and costly incidents on the jobsite.

COMMON RISKS TO WATCH FOR

- Limited visibility and blind spots
- Equipment malfunctions or poor maintenance
- Distractions while operating
- Miscommunication with ground crews

ACTION STEPS

- **Be trained and certified:** Know your equipment and its limits
- **Inspect daily:** Check brakes, hydraulics, lights, and safety systems
- **Use safety features:** Always wear seat belts and use in-cab protections
- **Stay focused:** Avoid distractions and remain aware of surroundings
- **Communicate clearly:** Use radios, signals, and spotters when needed
- **Maintain equipment:** Follow schedules and report issues immediately
- **Use spotters:** Especially in tight or high-traffic areas

IF A HAZARD IS IDENTIFIED:

Stop work, secure the equipment, and report the issue immediately. Do not operate unsafe machinery.

Safe operation protects everyone on site. Stay alert, follow procedures, and respect the power of the equipment.