



Jobsite Safety – Equipment Operation

Thousands of hard-working Americans are injured annually in worksite accidents related to the operation of equipment and machinery. In addition, hundreds of workers are killed in accidents associated with equipment and machinery.



A few key items to consider whether you are operating equipment or working around equipment while on a jobsite.

When operating equipment in jobsites:

- Avoid backing up whenever possible. Park so you can pull in and out by driving forward.
- Mirrors should be clean and positioned properly.
- Obey signs and follow designated travel routes.
- Turn off radios and other distracting devices.
- Before moving, always check blind spots and the area around you to make sure there are no workers or pedestrians.
- If using a spotter, make sure to understand the hand signals.
- Follow spotter and flagger directions. Stop if you lose sight of the spotter.
- Use a back-up alarm or beep your horn 2 times before reversing.
- Do not back up more than 100 feet before stopping and checking that the area is still clear.
- Use your seat belt.

When working around construction vehicles and other mobile equipment:

- Stay alert.
- Make eye contact with operator, flagger or spotter before walking in front of or behind a vehicle or other mobile equipment.
- Do not stand in shadows or areas where the driver may not see you.
- Obey signs. Do not stray into traffic or truck delivery lanes.
- Avoid standing or walking in the operator's blind spot.
- Do not stand or walk in front of or behind equipment unless the operator signals that it is safe.
- Listen for and pay attention to horns and back-up alarms.
- Wear appropriate high-visibility clothing such as vests.
- Look out for other workers.

