



labels and operator manuals.

## Equipment Operator

- ✓ Follow manufacturers' specifications and recommendations.
- ✓ Check work areas for workers on foot in the machine's path before moving the machine or changing the direction of travel. Use spotters or barriers where necessary. Be aware of equipment blind spots.
- ✓ Be aware of the hazards associated with operating machinery on non-level surfaces. A competent person should continuously evaluate grades on which machinery is being operated to prevent rollover.
- ✓ Do not operate machinery without the ROPS and seat belts supplied by the manufacturer. Do not remove the ROPS or seatbelts.
- ✓ Wear the seat belt and do not jump from the equipment in the event of a rollover. Keep knees and elbows close to the body, hold on firmly, and lean away from the impact to avoid being crushed by the ROPS.
- ✓ When capable, ensure that when rolling edges, the seat is positioned parallel to the edge to ensure visibility when working in close proximity to leading edges.
- ✓ Conduct Daily Field Employee Report (Pre-Trip), visual and operational checks on all equipment systems and operating controls before working the machine.
- ✓ Make sure that all the manufacturers' safety features are operational (Back up alarms, beacons etc)
- ✓ Comply with all warning labels.

## Other Site Workers

- ✓ Identify and avoid unsafe conditions and follow required safe work practices that apply to the work environment.
- ✓ Be aware of the hazards and blind spots associated with working near moving equipment.
- ✓ Before each work shift begins, review and confirm communications signals to be used between equipment operators and workers on foot.
- ✓ Do not approach machinery without first signaling the operator to shut down the equipment and receiving acknowledgment from the operator.
- ✓ Do not ride as a passenger on rollers or similar mobile equipment.
- ✓ Do not rest or lean against any equipment.
- ✓ Wear PPE that is provided, such as high visibility reflective vests and hard hats, to increase visibility.

## Equipment Rentals

- ✓ Include only ROPS- and seatbelt-equipped machines when renting.
- ✓ Provide training for customers upon delivery, when necessary.
- ✓ Provide customers with machine-specific safety brochures.
- ✓ Ensure that operators' manuals are located on machines or are available to operators.

**\* At no time is an operator or worker to use cell phones, I-pods, MP3's or any other hand held devices on a job site. The exception to this rule is in the event of an emergency\***

## **Questions to Generate Discussion**

- What do you do when rolling on an edge?
- What is the procedure for communicating and reporting malfunctions and deficiencies for all equipment? Is it being used effectively?
- Where are the blind spots on equipment that you are currently using on your job site?