

VLR SAFETY TAILGATE TALK

August 2016

Subject: Keeping Alert Around Equipment

Date: _____

Location (garage, mm, etc...):

Instructions:

Safety Coordinators & Supervisors should use this Tailgate Talk as a guide for discussion during their safety meetings. The primary purpose of the safety meetings is to give crews the opportunity to discuss any safety related concerns they may have.

Once the meeting has concluded, the Presenter should have each employee sign this form and include their Employee ID# in the spaces below.

TGT Presenter: _____

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When construction equipment is rumbling around a project, you've got to watch your step. If both construction workers and equipment operators keep their eyes open, no one's going to get hurt.

The following are ways to help you maintain a healthy respect for cranes, dozers, excavators and trucks:

- Never take for granted that equipment operators see you.
- Never depend upon hearing a horn or other warning signals; it might sometimes be lost in the general noise around a project.
- Equipment shouldn't be backed without someone to check the blind spots and give signals; nevertheless, keep in the clear whenever equipment is traveling backwards, as that's when most equipment accidents happen.
- Swinging counterweights often create a dangerous pinch-point. Don't ever get into a spot where you could get squeezed in between.
- Never hitch a ride on the running board, it's fatally easy to fall under moving equipment.
- No riding on top of loaded trucks; the load might shift, and you might not have enough over-head clearance in a tight spot.
- If you're riding in a transport vehicle to a job, or between jobs, keep your arms, legs and all parts of your body inside the unit.
- Never walk alongside moving equipment. Keep in the clear in case the unit suddenly turns your way, or slides, or the load shifts.
- Stay out from under loads on cranes or hoists. Use established walkways and beware of shortcuts.
- If the boom of a unit ever hits a power line, keep away from the frame of the unit and the load cables.
- Never lubricate, clean or work on a machine that's in operation. Stop the machine. If you have to remove a guard, tag out equipment and replace it as soon as the work's done.
- Construction equipment is husky, heavy, and extremely unhealthy to tangle with.

Always assume that the operator doesn't see you, doesn't even know you're around. Always figure that it's up to you to keep in the clear.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Safety Tailgate Talk or any safety related concerns, please contact the VTrans Safety Team.