

TOOL BOX TALKS

Vertical Baler Safety

Vertical balers are in use in many industries, primarily used for recycling cardboard. A large hydraulic ram mounted vertically pushes a platen downward – crushing waste cardboard into a bale ready for recycling. Thousands of pounds of force is required to make this cardboard bale. Hazards include electrical, potential energy, pinch points, eye and finger injuries. Training is required for anyone using these powerful hydraulic presses. Review these safety tips with vertical baler operators:

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VERTICAL BALER SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Only use the baler when trained.
- ✓ Never reach into the baler when it's operating.
- ✓ Wear eye protection when handling baler wire.
- ✓ Report any malfunctions to management.
- ✓ Open and close door with the handle only – beware pinched fingers and hands.
- ✓ Do not defeat safety devices on the baler.
- ✓ Keep the work area around the baler clean.
- ✓ Wear gloves when handling pallets, cardboard, bales – beware splinters and cardboard cuts.
- ✓ Cardboard bales are heavy – stay out of their way during tilt-out removal of finished bales.

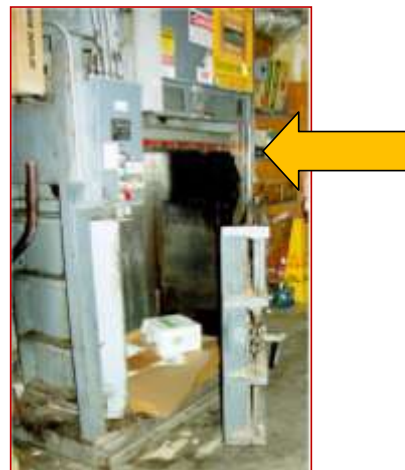
ALWAYS LOCKOUT & TAG BALERS BEFORE SERVICING, ADJUSTING OR MAKING REPAIRS.



ONLY USE THE DOOR HANDLE TO OPEN AND SHUT THE BALER.



STAY OUT OF THE BALER WHEN IT'S OPEN. PLATEN MAY FALL – REMEMBER POTENTIAL ENERGY.



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