

TOOL BOX TALKS

Ready Mix Truck Safety

Ready mix trucks are used in nearly every construction setting. These trucks are extremely top-heavy, tall, and can expose workers to the hazardous rotating mixer. Ready mix trucks present hazards to both bystanders and operators including struck by, tip over, caught in-between, traffic accident and falls. This safety meeting is designed to cover JOBSITE hazards to which operators and bystanders are exposed and how to control them.

WORKSAFE TIPS

READY MIX TRUCK HAZARDS

- Employees run over or backed over
- Driver / worker caught in rotating mixer
- Truck contacts overhead power lines
- Employees fall from truck

DAILY CHECKS & BEFORE DRIVING

- Do a 360-degree walk-around before driving.
- Check tire inflation & each lug nut.
- Check windshield cleanliness.
- Check mirror adjustment and cleanliness.
- Check lighting: Headlights, tail lights, backup lights, flood lights.
- Check backup alarm.
- Check brakes and brake air pressure.
- Check seat belt function.
- Check attachments & secure them for the ride.
- (chutes and garden hose)
- Remove extra waste concrete buildup.

WORKING WITH TRAFFIC

- Provide good back-up lighting.
- Provide a back-up alarm.
- Provide yellow (amber) warning lighting.
- Never back before verifying the area is clear.

OPERATOR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Wear reflective, high visibility vest.
- Wear hard hat when working near equipment.
- Wear eye protection as concrete can splash.
- Wear protective footwear.
- Mount first aid kit & ABC fire extinguisher.
- Provide orange cones for work near traffic.

BACKING DUMP TRUCKS

- Never back faster than walking speed.
- Use **G.O.A.L.** when a backer is not available!
 - **G** – Get
 - **O** – Out
 - **A** – And
 - **L** – Look
- Agree, with the backer, on a STOP hand signal.
- Never move the truck with chutes attached.

CEMENT MIXER TRUCK BACKER TIPS

- Stand to the side when backing-Avoid being run over or caught between the vehicle and object.
- Use BIG, easy-to-see hand signals.
- Don't step into a hole or fall over a trip hazard.
- Wear a reflective, high-visibility vest or shirt when working in traffic/around moving vehicles.

READY MIX TRUCK BEST PRACTICES

- Chutes can severely injure/pinch hands/fingers
- Secure chutes before moving mixer truck.
- Don't overextend or use too many chutes.
- Maintain climbing ladders & steps, clear debris.
- Maintain good grab handles.
- Provide a good grab handle for tilting cab hood.
- Use three-point contact for mounting & dismounting
- Avoid standing atop truck tires to clean cab glass—use an a-frame ladder or tire step.
- Check for overhead wires before moving mixer truck into position.
- Never move truck onto uneven ground – tip.
- Operate mixer truck on firm, even ground only.
- Clear the area when drum is rotating.
- Never jump from the cab or mixer steps.
- Survey area for traffic before exiting cab.
- Survey ground around truck before stepping down.



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