

TOOL BOX TALKS

Standing in the Bucket

Slip, Trip and Fall Prevention



Employees sometimes ignore safe practices to get the job done or when they're in a hurry. Before starting a task, think about how that task can be done safely. Never use equipment buckets to lift employees to elevated levels. They are not built for human occupancy and are not equipped with fall protection devices. Review these safety tips with your employees.

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1. Equipment buckets are not designed to lift people or even work platforms.
2. Hydraulics on excavation equipment can fail and drop the employee.
3. Getting into a hurry or bypassing safety rules could injure or kill a coworker.
4. Injuries from standing in the bucket include broken bones, ligaments and tendon ruptures and brain or spinal injuries.
5. Read the operator's manual and follow the instructions for your loader or backhoe.



The photos shown above are all examples of unsafe work practices because employees are standing in the buckets.

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