

**Introduction:** Loaders can create problems for operators and bystanders, such as caught-in-between and struck-by hazards due to blind spots and elevated loads, as well as overhead and underground utility contact hazards. Before operating a loader, know the owner's manual and follow company safety procedures. Operate the machine carefully and always scan around the machine for hazards or construction workers in your immediate work area. Wear your seat belt whenever operating a loader.

## BE SAFE!!!

### SAFETY TIPS FOR LOADER OPERATORS

- Perform a safety check of the machine before work
- Keep glass & windshield clean and clear
- Make sure lighting and backup alarms function
- Wear your seat belt during operation
- Never lift anyone in either bucket
- Follow operator's manual for operation & service
- Follow trench and excavation safety rules
- Keep the front bucket low to avoid tip-over



**ALWAYS LOCATE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES BEFORE WORK BEGINS.**



**THE ROLLOVER PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE (R.O.P.S.) MUST BE USED WITH SEAT BELTS FOR MAXIMUM PROTECTION. THE R.O.P.S. PROVIDES LIVABLE SPACE DURING ROLLOVER.**



**WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT WHEN OPERATING LOADERS. ALWAYS WEAR THE SEAT BELT WHEN LOADING / UNLOADING FROM A TRAILER.**



**DO NOT WORK BENEATH BUCKETS OR RAISED LOADS. USE SAFETY PROP RODS DURING MAINTENANCE.**



**NEVER ALLOW UNAUTHORIZED RIDERS. ONE SEAT, ONE SEAT BELT, ONE RIDER – THE OPERATOR ONLY.**

<b>DATE OF TRAINING</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR NAME</b>
<b>COMPANY NAME</b>	<b>LOCATION OF TRAINING</b>
<b>PARTICIPANT NAMES</b>	
<b>SAFETY MEETING NOTES</b>	

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