

Heavy Equipment Loaders



1. This is a one-person machine.
 - a. No riders allowed.
2. Know the pinch points and wrap points on the loader.
3. Operate at a speed consistent with working conditions, visibility, and terrain.
4. Ensure loader has an adequate rear counterweight
5. When crossing exposed railroad tracks, ditches, ridges, or curbs reduce speed and cross at an angle.
6. Carry loaded buckets as close to the ground as possible.
 - a. The further a loaded bucket is from the ground the more unstable the loader becomes.
7. Use extreme caution when operating a loader on a side slope.
 - a. Slow down and carry the bucket, loaded or empty, as close to the ground as possible.
8. Stay in gear when traveling downhill - this will help control speed.
9. Never move a load above the heads of other workers.
10. When back filling, use extreme caution.
 - a. The weight of the material plus the weight of the machine could cause the new construction to collapse.
11. Keep work area level; avoid developing ruts by occasionally back dragging the bucket to smooth the surface.