

MOCGA Tailgate Talk

Track Hoe Safety



Introduction: Roughly 1,500 construction workers are killed on the job each year in the United States. Jobsite employees must be protected from struck by, caught-in-between, electrocution, fall and trench collapse hazards. Crawler backhoes present struck-by and caught in-between hazards because employees can be run over, loads can be dropped, and underground utilities can be hit. This tool box talk discusses track backhoe safety for operators and jobsite workers.

BE SAFE!

- ✓ Pedestrians - stay clear of the swing radius.
- ✓ Follow the manufacturer's maintenance instructions.
- ✓ Operate the machine only if you've been trained and authorized. Read the owner's manual first.
- ✓ Do not lift workers in the bucket. Never allow employees to work beneath lifted loads.
- ✓ Use lockout-tagout when mechanics are working on hydraulics, engine, belts, pullies or gears.
- ✓ Bring hydraulics, lifting arms and bucket to zero before leaving the cab or doing maintenance.
- ✓ Wear your seat belt when operating or when loading and unloading from a trailer.
- ✓ Avoid damaging utilities. Avoid mechanized excavation within 2' of the utility.
- ✓ As an operator – never allow anyone to enter a trench that isn't protected from collapse.

ALWAYS HAVE UNDERGROUND UTILITIES LOCATED BEFORE EXCAVATING.



TRACK HOES CAN SWING AND STRIKE WORKERS. STAND BACK!



FOLLOW TRENCH SAFETY RULES. NEVER ALLOW WORKERS INTO AN UNSAFE TRENCH THAT CAN COLLAPSE.



BEWARE OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. MAINTAIN A 10' DISTANCE FROM OVERHEAD POWER LINES.



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