

## Front-End Loader Safety Tips

- Never walk or work under a raised loader.
- Raise and lower loader arms slowly and steadily.
- Allow for the extra length of the loader when making turns.
- Take extra precaution when handling loose loads.
- Never move or swing a load while people are in the work area.
- Stay away from the outer edge when working along high banks and slopes.
- Watch for overhead wires and obstacles when you raise the loader.
- Travel with the load low to the ground and watch for obstructions on the ground.
- Operate the loader from the operator's seat only.
- Do not lift or carry anyone on the loader, bucket or attachments.
- Lower the loader when parking or servicing.
- Assure all parked loaders are on a firm, level surface and all safety devices are engaged.
- Visually check for hydraulic leaks and broken, missing or malfunctioning parts, then make necessary repairs.
- Under pressure, escaping hydraulic oil can have sufficient force to penetrate the skin, causing serious personal injury. Injuries resulting from oil penetrating the skin are very difficult to treat. Use a piece of cardboard or paper to check for pinhole leaks.
- Before disconnecting hydraulic lines, relieve all hydraulic pressure.
- Be certain anyone operating the loader is aware of safe operating practices and potential hazards.
- Extending the tines of a loader may look like a good way to solve the loading problem, but when this is done, the tractor's center of gravity is moved forward. Extra stress is placed on the loader, the hydraulic system and tractor front end.
- All loaders should have roll-over protective structures (ROPS). ROPS can either be a protective enclosed cab or a roll bar with a canopy.
- Loader operators should wear the seat belt at all times, regardless of the task that is being done.

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