



KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Skid Steer Loaders

This type of loader is commonly used in construction, and general industry for material handling and excavating. Recent studies suggest that employers, supervisors, and workers might not be aware of the hazards of operating or working near skid steer loaders. Therefore, they might not follow safe work procedures for controlling these hazards.

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Preventing Injuries from Skid Steer Loaders:

- Always use and maintain the safety devices provided by the manufacturer; interlocked controls, backup alarms and seat belts/roll overprotective systems.

- Operate the loader from the operator's compartment, never from the outside.

- Stay seated when operating the loader controls.

- Work with the seat belt fastened and the restraint bar in place.

- Keep your arms, legs, and head inside the cab while operating the loader.

- Load, unload, and turn on level ground when possible.

- Keep people clear when a load is being lifted.

- Operate on stable surfaces only.

- Never go over the manufacturer's recommended load capacity for the machine.

For more information visit OSHA STANDARDS: 1926.600 and Section 5(a)(1) of the OSHA Act

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