



## Front-End Loader Safety

*What this Toolbox Talk Covers:*

- ✓ The “Dos” and “Don’ts” when working with or near front-end loaders.

*Discussion Leader Duties:*

- ✓ Demonstrate examples and proper safety guidelines to protect against hazards associated with front-end loaders.

*Discussion Notes:*

- ✓ Discuss the outcomes of the “Dos” and “Don’ts.”

- Do**
- Wear a seat belt at all times when operating a loader (regardless of the task being done).
  - Raise and lower the loader arms slowly and steadily.
  - Take extra precaution when handling loose loads.
  - Keep the loader lowered when parking or servicing the machine.
  - Relieve all hydraulic pressure before disconnecting hydraulic lines.
  - Ensure all parked loaders are on a firm, level surface.
  - Watch for overhead wires and obstacles when raising the loader.

- Don’t**
- Walk or work under a raised loader.
  - Move or swing a load when people are in the work area.
  - Travel with the load raised.
  - Use the loader near the outer edge when working along high banks and slopes.
  - Lift or carry people on the loader, bucket or attachments.
  - Operate the loader from anyplace other than the driver’s seat.

*Discussion questions:*

1. What are some guidelines for moving a load with a front-end loader?
2. What should you be aware of when raising the loader?
3. Where should you park a loader?

**Meeting note:**

Employee comments/concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Other safety issues to be addressed on the job/facility: \_\_\_\_\_

**Training record:**      Date: \_\_\_\_\_      Jobsite/Facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Employee Quiz is provided on last page. Answers are: 1. (c), 2. (b), 3. (b), 4. (d), 5. (a)



## Employee Quiz

### Topic: Preventing Front-End Loader Accidents

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the correct answer below.

1. Which of the following is NOT a guideline for working with front-end loaders?
  - a. Raise and lower the loader arms slowly and steadily.
  - b. Watch for overhead lines and obstacles when raising the loader.
  - c. Be sure the load is less than 100 lbs. before agreeing to work underneath the loader.
  - d. Wear your seatbelt at all times when operating a loader.
2. It is best to travel with the load raised.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. When servicing a loader, you should be sure that:
  - a. You are wearing your seat belt.
  - b. The loader is parked on a firm, level surface.
  - c. The load is not raised.
  - d. All of the above.
4. You should never:
  - a. Travel with the load raised.
  - b. Work underneath the loader.
  - c. Operate the loader while standing on the footrest next to the driver's seat.
  - d. All of the above.
5. You should not travel with the load raised.
  - a. True
  - b. False

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