

TOOLBOX TALKS

Snow Removal Using Heavy Equipment

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TOPIC: Heavy equipment makes snow removal time- and cost-efficient. These tips will help you complete the job efficiently and safely.

Know your Surroundings

- Always perform a walk around inspection of your machine before operation
- Begin your shift with a walk around of the area you are going to clear
- Know where everything is located; i.e. entries, exits
- Remember that cars and pedestrians have the right away
- Always operate the machine with extreme caution

Be Alert

- Be prepared for the cold
- Dress appropriately by wearing layers of warm clothing
- Always test the back-up alarm before moving the machine
- Sound your horn before backing up
- Clean and adjusted your mirrors for best visibility
- Monitor the weather frequently and pay attention to hazardous weather conditions that may develop
- Limit or restrict exposure if temperature is below -17° C (0° F) or the wind chill reaches -30° C (-22° F)
- If working in extreme conditions, maintain constant communications with other crew members to ensure safety
- Use 3 points of contact every time you mount and dismount your machine

Snow Removal

- Keep your machine and equipment off the road whenever possible
- Use signs, reflectors, and high visible clothing to warn oncoming traffic if you are working near a roadway
- Do not push snow across open roads or streets, this could leave large debris in the way of traffic and icy conditions can make braking difficult
- Cold weather can effect your machines, always maintain your machines per the Operation and Maintenance Manual

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