



Falls from Heavy Equipment

Workers who operate, maintain, or work on heavy equipment are at risk of falling.

Brent's Story

Brent was using a backhoe attached to a large tractor to dig a trench on a construction site. The steps to the tractor seat were covered in mud. Brent slipped on the steps, fell when climbing down from the tractor, and broke his leg.

- **How could this incident have been prevented?**
- **Have you ever known anyone that fell off a piece of heavy equipment? What happened?**

Remember This

- Keep steps and walking surfaces clear of mud, snow, grease, and fluids to prevent slips and falls when climbing on or off equipment.
- Use hand and step holds — keep one foot and two hands, or both feet and one hand, in contact with the equipment at all times.
- Do not try to jump off the equipment.
- Avoid carrying materials or tools when climbing on or off equipment.
- Wear appropriate footwear.

How can we stay safe today?

What will we do at the worksite to prevent falls from heavy equipment?

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