

HOW TO PREVENT TRACTOR MOWER RUNOVERS

Runovers are the second leading cause of fatal tractor-related accidents and recordable incidents. A review of cases showed that several simple actions can help prevent these from occurring.

DON'T START UNLESS...

- Before starting a tractor, be sure it is not in gear, parking brake is applied all levers are set in neutral.

AVOID BYPASS STARTING.

- Start the tractor's engine from the operator's seat. Do not start the engine while standing beside the tractor. Avoid bypass starting.

OPERATE FROM THE SEAT.

- Operate the tractor from the operator's seat. Do not stand or sit on any other part of the tractor while it is in motion.

BUCKLE UP.

- The first thing to do when in operator's seat is to put on seat belt and keep it on while operating.
- Do not get on or off a tractor in motion.

AVOID BYSTANDERS.

- Do not allow anyone to walk or run beside a tractor while in motion.

ENGAGE SAFETY DEVICES.

- Remove ignition key and engage safety devices before doing maintenance.

INSTALL "DEAD MAN" SEAT BRAKE.

- Consider installing a "dead man" seat brake that operates when seat is vacated, similar to that which is used in forklifts and other industrial equipment.

Additional resources may be found on:

T2 Center www.t2center.uconn.edu

Louisiana LTAP www.louisianaltap.org



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HOW TO CONDUCT A TAILGATE TALK

Tailgate Talk is a gathering of small group of workers around the tailgate of a truck or other spot for a brief training session on a single safety topic. Consider using the "Tailgate Talk" concept to help you conduct 10-15 minutes of training sessions with your crew.

KEY POINTS:

- Choose one safety topic per session.
 - Be concise. Keep it short.
 - Keep the sessions small.
- Meet in a comfortable & safe spot.
- Allow time for questions & answers.
 - Document the training.

CHOOSE SAFETY TOPICS

- Pick topics related to recent events.
- Ask employees for their ideas.
- Read newsletters and local news for more information. Use them for additional ideas.

PLAN LOGISTICS

- Limit sessions to a small number of workers. Six to 10 is a good number.
- Hold sessions early in the week, but not on Monday mornings.
- Conduct tailgate training sessions an average of once a week. Dedicate specific time for the training.
- Limit sessions to only 15 minutes.
- Be on the lookout for weather forecasts or any emergencies.

PREPARE YOUR PRESENTATION

- Use a one-page fact sheet provided on www.t2center.uconn.edu
- You may use materials provided by Louisiana LTAP www.louisianaltap.org
- Look for visual aids and/or props.
- Photocopy handouts ahead of time.
- Familiarize materials a night before.

CONDUCT THE SESSION.

- Keep your presentation informal.
- Don't use words your employees won't understand.
- Involve your workers in discussion of the topic.
- Allow time for questions at the end.
- Have workers sign a sheet showing they were trained and keep it on file.

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