

BACKHOE LOADER OPERATOR SAFETY

The Backhoe Loader can be found on worksites around the world including construction sites and farms. Read and learn from the Operation & Maintenance Manual. Machine safety begins with conducting a pre-operation walkaround before every shift. Follow these tips for safety.

Use stabilizers/outriggers properly. Set up on stable ground, not loose or uneven ground. When lifting or placing objects with the boom arm, use stabilizers/outriggers to reduce the sway of both the machine and object.

Watch for overhead wires and obstacles when raising the bucket. Know where underground wires are buried before digging.

Buckle the seat belt. Always stay seated while operating controls.

Carry the load low to maintain stability and visibility. Make sure the load is high enough to avoid contact with the ground.

Never ride or carry anyone in the bucket of the machine.

Never allow anyone to walk under a raised bucket.

Avoid operation on any ground condition that could cause the machine to tip. Tipping can occur when working on hills, banks or slopes and when crossing ditches, ridges or other unexpected objects.

Place the loader bucket down against the ground while lifting or lowering objects for extra stability and braking power.

Mount and dismount the machine using three points of contact.

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