The Constant Movement of a Busy Jobsite

A construction site is a busy and active environment—with pickup trucks, dump trucks, haul trucks, and heavy equipment constantly entering, exiting, and moving throughout the jobsite.

Trying to concentrate on your task—whether it's measuring, cutting, or using a tool—while staying aware of moving equipment can be challenging. Where you position yourself on site can mean the difference between safety and serious injury.

🚧 Workers on foot are always at risk. The key to safety is awareness, visibility, and communication.

Pedestrian Safety Tips: Staying Safe on Foot

When you're walking or working on foot in an active jobsite, remember to:

- Wear high-visibility garments, like bright orange or green vests and hard hats.
- Place highly visible barriers near foot traffic areas (trailers, storage zones, portable toilets, etc.).
- Use caution when stepping out from behind large objects (e.g., trucks, stockpiles, materials).
- If working in high-traffic areas, surround yourself with visible barriers and strobe lights, if available.
- Avoid congregating near equipment paths.
- Always be aware of equipment blind spots.

Operator Safety Tips: Protecting Those Around You

When operating trucks or heavy equipment, your actions have a direct impact on the safety of everyone on site. Key actions include:

- Ensure backup alarms are functional.
- Communicate and follow jobsite rules and protocols.
- Conduct daily pre-trip inspections, checking engine, fluids, tires, and more. Don’t wait for a close call to take action.
- Follow established site traffic patterns and posted speed limits.
- Use mirrors and cameras to reduce blind spots.
- Always walk around your equipment before backing up or use a spotter.
- Know your equipment’s payload limits—overloading affects stability and stopping distance.
- Avoid backing up when possible. Plan routes that allow for forward movement during loading/unloading.
- If your equipment isn’t running properly, take it out of service until repairs are made.

Make Safety a Priority Every Day

Construction sites can be dangerous, but with intentional awareness, equipment checks, and clear communication, we can all contribute to a safer work environment.

Discussion Topics

1. What actions can you take to protect yourself from collisions with equipment as a pedestrian on the jobsite?

2. What actions can you take to protect yourself from collisions with equipment as an operator on the jobsite?

3. What should you look for during an equipment pre-use inspection?

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