



Skid Steer Operation Safety Tips For the Employee

1. All operators must be trained and qualified by their employers prior to operation of a skid steer loader. Operators are trained in the safe methods of operation by using the manufacturer's operation manual as well as company safety policies and procedures.
2. All operators must read and follow the manufacturers procedures for operating and servicing skid steer loaders
3. All operators must perform pre-operation inspections of skid steer loaders and document results. The operator must pay particular attention to safety devices such as : lift arm supports, interlocked controls, seatbelts, side screens and roll over protection systems (ROPS)
4. The operator must mount and dismount the skid steer through the front of the machine over the bucket. Operator must use steps and hand holds provided by the manufacturer in the mounting and dismounting process.
5. Skid steer operators should wear approved hardhats and safety glasses with side shields at all times during operation.
6. Operator must wear seatbelt at all times during operation of the skid steer.
7. Operator must never move a skid steer loader with the bucket or other attachments obstructing the operators view.
8. Operator must be conscious of wind direction as debris from various operations could blow back in the operators face. Also great care should be taken while loading and unloading the attachment as material could fall back.
9. Operators should be conscious of any floor openings. They should also be extremely careful when working near the edge of a building. Where possible, wire cable with warnings should be wrapped around the perimeter of the floor.
10. Skid steer buckets and similar attachments shall be either fully lowered or blocked when being repaired, adjusted or when not in use. All controls shall be in a neutral position, with the motors stopped and the brakes set, unless work being performed requires otherwise.