



IMMOBILIZE

Remember to... STOP, CHOCK & LOCK

There have been too many serious injuries as a result of a failure to effectively immobilize equipment. When we are at our busiest, we can get complacent about the fundamental and routine tasks of our jobs. To be safest so make certain to STOP, CHOCK & LOCK!

For example, when an operator leaves the protection of the cab to make an adjustment or diagnose a mechanical issue and the equipment rolls over them, or crushes on them while it's being worked on.

By taking a few moments to immobilize your equipment correctly, you can reduce the risk of being seriously hurt or killed.

Ask Your CREW...What conditions could we improve in our chocking & blocking?

- ✓ **STOP, CONSIDER & AVOID**—inspect ground for pits, loose top cover & other terrain variations.
- ✓ **PARK**—on the flattest surface possible. ✓ **SET**— the emergency brake or parking brake before going under the vehicle. Include parking in gear or turning the wheels into a curb or a berm.
If your equipment has a lockout mechanism USE IT...SO SIMPLE
- ✓ **CHOCK** — Inspect condition of chocks & blocks. Ensure treads, grooves & surfaces are clean. Height, width & length should be large enough to prevent rolling over it (cover entire width of tire). **FIRST** chock wheels or tracks on axle which is below the center of gravity of the machine. **ALWAYS** on the downhill side of the wheels. Chock rear wheels if powered industrial equipment will be loading or unloading the trailer in any manner.
REMEMBER if there is a high degree of risk, chock all wheels on all axles, and the heavier the piece of equipment, the lesser the slope required for it to begin to roll.
- ✓ **BLOCK** — up anything that has the potential to fall on you or cut you. Preferably, by setting the piece directly on the ground and using the safety pin. If it cannot be completely lowered, use suitable wooden blocks to shore up the attachment or something that will prevent it from falling.
- ✓ **REMEMBER**—Use proper lifting techniques and avoid pinch points.

Immobilizing equipment must be done every single time you step out of the cab!



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Reference: OSHA, FRA, CATSafety



