

Front-End Loader Safety Fundamentals - Employee Handout

KEY DECISIONS TO REMEMBER

Machine stability

Bucket/load changes the center of gravity.

Pre-use inspection

Check tires/tracks, steering, brakes, hydraulics, bucket/attachment, pins, lights, horn/back-up alarm/camera and safety devices.

Visibility and people

Large blind areas exist around loaders.

Travel and load position

Carry the bucket/load low for stability and visibility.

Loading and dumping

Approach piles/trucks squarely and maintain stable ground.

Slopes, parking and maintenance

Follow manufacturer slope limits and travel orientation.

STOP / ASK FOR HELP WHEN

- Traveling with bucket high
- Person enters blind spot without positive communication
- Working near edge/soft ground or excessive slope
- Maintenance under a raised bucket without approved blocking/support

OUR SITE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- Actual loader controls, attachment and manufacturer manual
- Site traffic plan, spotter signals and backing controls
- Slope/edge/ground conditions and overhead clearances
- Hands-on loading/dumping and workplace evaluation