

TOOLBOX TALKS

PINCH POINTS

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Pinch points are defined as any point where it is possible for a body part to be caught between moving and stationary portions of machinery or equipment. There is a high probability of a serious injury if a person is caught in a pinch point. Here are some safety tips to help you avoid being caught in a pinch point.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Always read and understand the Operation and Maintenance Manual before using any equipment
- Visually inspect the machine before turning it on
- Before starting the machine, make sure all covers and protective shields for pinch point hazards are in place
- Never work on or around machines that do not have all the guards fitted as per the manufacturer's instruction
- Always be sure to lock-out and tag out all machines before servicing them, or de-energizing them
- Be sure you have proper hand clearance when carrying loads through openings or setting loads down
- Always wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the task at hand
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or jewelry when working around equipment with moving parts
- Always pay attention when you have to put your hands, fingers or feet between or under anything
- When working on an articulated machine such as a wheel loader, compactor or articulated truck, always use the articulation lock

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