

TOOLBOX TALKS

RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY

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No one can anticipate every possible scenario. At some point you will have to rely on your judgment either to avoid a dangerous situation — or to get out of one. Even the best-trained operator has to pay attention on the worksite. Situations can change from moment to moment, and your ability to react instantly is vital. Report any problems to your supervisor.

SAFETY TIPS

- Don't panic. To get control of your situation you must first be in control of yourself
- Know your tool or machine. Get proper operational training now, before an emergency. Perform your daily machine walk-around inspection to make sure the machine is properly maintained and in good repair
- Be prepared. You must remain focused, healthy, and alert
- Communicate. One of the most important things any heavy equipment operator can do is communicate with other operators and the ground crew at the work site
 - Use radios
 - Avoid making assumptions
 - Warn other workers about site conditions

Discussion Date:

Employee Participants:

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