



Skid Steer Loader Safety

Skid steer loaders are used for material handling and excavating. Workers who operate or work near a loader are at risk of injury. Dangers include falling off, being pinned or crushed, or being struck by the equipment.

Ron's Story

Ron and two coworkers were preparing the ground for a construction project. As the operator was raising the lift arms to move a load of dirt, the loader tipped forward. The operator lowered the bucket to stabilize the machine. Ron, who was standing in front and to the side of the loader, slipped and fell under the bucket. It struck him in the chest, and he died shortly after from severe chest injuries.

- ✖ What caused this incident?
- ✖ How could this have been prevented?
- ✖ Have you ever been hurt while operating or working around a skid steer loader, or do you know someone who has? If so, what happened?

Remember This

- **Always** use and maintain the safety devices provided by the manufacturer:
 - Interlocked controls
 - Backup alarms
 - Seat belts and Roll Over Protective Systems (ROPS)
 - Lift arm supports
- Run the loader from the operator's compartment, **never** from the outside.
 - Stay seated when operating the loader controls.
 - Work with the seat belt fastened and the restraint bar in place.
- **Never** exit the machine when the engine is running or when the lift arms are raised **unless** lift arm supports are used.
 - Keep your arms, legs, and head inside the cab while operating the loader.
 - Load, unload, and turn on level ground when possible.
 - Operate on stable surfaces **only**.
- Keep other workers away from the work area when you are lifting a load.

How can we stay safe today?

What will we do at the worksite to prevent injuries from skid steer loaders?

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