



CCIS TOOLBOX TALKS

Equipment Mounting & Dismounting

TOPIC: Safe access when mounting or dismounting various pieces of equipment is an essential part of workplace safety.

Mounting & Dismounting – Excavators

Entering or exiting an excavator can be a hazard if not done properly. In 2017 two Cross Country employees had lost work day injuries due to mounting / dismounting equipment.

Slips, trips & falls are common causes of injury. The following safety information will provide you with training on assessing hazards that could lead to an injury.

Control Measures/Safeguards

Ask your team to identify some of the control measures for the situations below and discuss any they missed.

Risk Assessment/Hazards

Ask your Team if they can identify any hazards for getting on / off equipment and discuss any they missed.

- Mud or grease on footwear
- Slippery or obstructed equipment surfaces
- Cluttered or uneven landing area
- Torn or loose clothing catching on equipment parts
- Using incorrect hand and foot placement
- Entering or exiting equipment in a hurry
- Jumping from equipment

Before entering equipment

- Ensure footwear is clear of dirt, oil and grease.
- Remove any mud, snow, ice, grease, or any other substance from equipment ladders.
- Steps and handrails should be secure.
- Avoid loose or torn clothing.

Getting on the machine

- Make sure the machine is off and all boom attachments are lowered.
- Face the excavator when climbing up and maintain 3-point contact.
- Don't climb up with anything in your hand.
- Take your time entering the machine.
- Ensure that you have a solid grip on the handles before stepping up.
- Avoid contact with machine controls.



Exiting your machine

- Position the machine on even ground when possible.
- Make sure the machine is off and all boom attachments are lowered.
- Face the excavator when climbing down and maintain 3-point contact.
- Don't climb down with anything in your hand.
- Take your time exiting the machine.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Watch for obstacles when dismounting such as rocks, or ice.

Discussion Points

- How often do you practice 3 points of contact when entering or exiting your machine?
- How do you deal with adverse conditions when mounting/ dismounting equipment?
- Do you have the materials & PPE needed for mounting/dismounting equipment?

Document any safety observations and corrective actions on the "Safety Observation" sections of the sign in sheet, scan completed document and send to : jspivak@ccpipeline.com.

