Buckle Up ...For Life

ALWAYS USE YOUR SEATBELT

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You and Your Seatbelt

To the Job. At the Job. From the Job.
When Coming to the Jobsite

Loading and off-loading equipment can be hazardous. Always wear your seat belt.
Operator was grading area when his rear tire went down to the left into some soft material and machine rolled on its side. Operator was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the incident.
Rollover Protection Structures are Important

(ROPS) are designed to provide protection to an operator in the protected space of the cab. Your seat belt is a critical part of the Rollover Protection system. Using your seat belt assures your safety when the ROPS is needed.
This ROPS did its Job

The only injury was a scrape when the operator released his seatbelt while suspended.
The Unexpected Happens

Once it does, there is no time to buckle up!
A haul truck driver was seriously injured when he lost control of the truck while hauling overburden to the dump area. The driver was traveling at an excessive speed and the loaded truck veered left into soft material and through the berm on the edge of the dump. The truck overturned and rolled 525 feet on a 38 degree slope. The driver was wearing his seatbelt and the truck was equipped with a ROPS that saved his life.
It Could Be Too Late

Buckle up now, not later!
On April 25th, 2007, a 65 year old truck driver with 42 years of mining experience was fatally injured at a cement operation. The victim was operating a haul truck that veered off the roadway, climbed a berm, and fell over a high wall onto a bench below. The victim was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident and was ejected from the cab of the truck.
This machine was traveling on haul road and started skidding. The operator tried to correct for the skid when machine rolled over. Operator was wearing seatbelt and was not injured.
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Want the ride of your life? Don’t buckle up!
Buckle Up on Big Equipment…

“The other day I had a rather scary experience. I lost control of my haul truck coming down a slippery hill and laid my truck on its side. Everything in my cab went flying, everything except me that is. You see, I was wearing my seat belt, so at the end of it all, I was a bit shaken. I have read many stories of people who didn’t wear their seatbelts and were injured or killed because of it. The thing is, you never know when an accident will happen, so the best thing you can do is use all available PPE and hope it’s never needed.”
...and on Small Equipment

Operator was travelling down a grade when it overturned. Operator was not wearing his seatbelt and was thrown from seat trapping his leg and foot between the front corner post of the cab and the ground.
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When Clearing…
...When Hauling or When Excavating

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COAL MINE FATALITY - A 50-year old operator with 26 years of mining experience was fatally injured while operating a bulldozer. The operator was using the bulldozer to clear trees on top of a 24-foot high embankment to facilitate construction of a haul road. While he was pushing material toward the edge, the bulldozer traveled over the crest of the embankment, coming to rest on its side.
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