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11 important points on Heavy Equipment Safety

1. A written inspection is required every day.
2. Always look under your machine before climbing up. A mechanic could be under the chassis doing maintenance.
3. If any safety device is damaged such as the back up alarm, brakes, lowering alarms etc. – DO NOT! Operate the unit until it's repaired.
4. Never jump off the machine. Use the ladders and the hand-holds.
5. A power line should always be considered as "LIVE". Maintain a minimum 10ft clear space at all times!
6. Seat belts are required for all equipment that has rollover protection.
7. New operators must be trained and must also read the operators manual.
8. Don't get trapped! Never approach someone from behind. Honk your horn and alert them that you're approaching !
9. Pinch points can kill ! All articulating points and rotating parts must be guarded!
10. Traffic flaggers are required when equipment is on public streets.
11. The danger of roll-over is greatest on side-hills with muddy conditions. When traveling across inclines keep the bucket low!