

Driver Operator Safety

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The safety of our workers is the highest priority! The way you drive says much about you and your organization. Make a positive impact by following these work-related safe driving practices:

- Use your seat belt at all times
- Be well rested, avoid taking medications that make you drowsy and never drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs
- Dedicate your full attention to driving. Avoid distractions such as eating, talking, or texting on the cell phone
- Drive safely per the road conditions – drive the speed limit or slower....
- Continually search the roadway or job site to be alert for situations requiring quick action
- Keep your cool in traffic
- Drive defensively. Be seen - Turn on your lights in low light conditions
- Be patient and courteous to other drivers
- Follow only one spotter or signaler
- No matter how difficult, do not take other driver’s actions personally
- Never become complacent
- Expect the unexpected
- Always be sure your truck/equipment is in safe condition
- Always be sure your truck/equipment is safely loaded



Action Item:

Related Topics:

- Heavy Equipment
- Mower Safety
- Trenching Safety

Resources and References:

OSHA Guidelines for Employers to Reduce Motor Vehicle Crashes
https://www.osha.gov/Publications/motor_vehicle_guide.html

