

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Standing in the Bucket

Construction is hard enough. We put ourselves in unsafe positions sometimes when we get in a hurry. What can we do to make things safer for us, so we can go home at the end of the day? We need to continually survey our work for opportunities to make the job safer. But we need to also make good decisions. Standing in the bucket is never a good idea. Take the extra time to make the job safer and get the right equipment for the job.

### WORKSAFE TIPS

#### NEVER LIFT ANYONE IN A BUCKET.

Lifting workers in equipment buckets is very unsafe.

Never lift anyone on in the bucket, no matter what the reason.

Getting into a hurry could kill a coworker.

An operator, as part of their operator training should not lift anyone in a machine bucket.

What if the employee puts their hand in a pinch point?

What if the operator makes the wrong move with the controls?

A fall could be—and is very likely to be fatal.

If the worker does survive the fall, what are the injuries? Broken legs, arms? Spinal injury?

Can a worker survive after falling out of a bucket and onto the concrete?

What bones will the worker break when they fall back into the framework of the bucket attachment?

Head injuries are instantly fatal.

Read the operator's manual for your loader or backhoe—it will say—in bold, plain English (and Spanish) not to lift anyone in the bucket.

**UNACCEPTABLE!**  
**UNSAFE WORK PRACTICE!**

