

Dear valued partner,

Welcome to this month's edition of Rockwood's Monthly Safety emails! As we continue to uphold our commitment to creating a safe and secure work environment, we're excited to bring you the latest insights and resources on:

MOBILE EQUIPMENT SAFETY

(Missed a previous email? [Click here](#) to see an archive of previous month's safety emails on Rockwood's Loss Control website.)



WHY MOBILE EQUIPMENT SAFETY IS SO IMPORTANT

Mobile equipment such as industrial vehicles, forklifts, motorized pallet jacks, scissor lifts, etc. play a pivotal role in workplace operations. According to MSHA, "So far this year, nine miners have been killed and 185 have been injured in accidents involving powered haulage equipment such as shuttle cars, scoops, locomotives, front end loaders and more. Year to date, this is the highest number of powered haulage fatalities since 2006."



SAFETY TIPS FOR MOBILE EQUIPMENT SAFETY

Mobile Equipment Maintenance Key Safety Guidelines:

This month, let's refresh our knowledge and practices to minimize risks and ensure a secure working environment.

- **Conduct Pre-Op Checks:** Conduct thorough pre-operational checks before using any mobile equipment. Look for mechanical issues, leaks, or any abnormalities that might pose risks.
- **Understand** that most mobile equipment provides limited views (blind spots) - KEEP CLEAR OF OPERATING PATHS.
- **Safe Parking:** Do not drive or park in the potential path of movement.
- **Use visible markers** (such as strobes) to help with visibility of smaller vehicles.
- **Avoid distractions** (cell phones) while operating.
- **Train employees** on specific hazards at your site. Training and Certification: Anyone operating mobile equipment should be properly trained and certified. If you're not certified or need a refresher, schedule your training.
- **Adhere to Speed Limits:** Speed limits exist for a reason. Always follow them, adjusting as needed for the environment and conditions.
- **Clear Visibility:** Proper visibility is crucial. Make sure mirrors are adjusted, and your line of sight is clear before moving.

- **Use Seat Belts:** Always wear your seatbelt while operating mobile equipment. It's a simple step that can prevent serious injuries.
- **Report any issues or safety concerns** with mobile equipment. Don't hesitate to reach out to your supervisor or the safety committee. Your vigilance can make a significant difference in preventing accidents.

Rockwood Resources:

- [Rockwood Toolbox Talk – Mounting & Dismounting Equipment](#)
- [Rockwood Toolbox Talk – Pre-Operational Checks](#)
- [Rockwood Toolbox Talk – Moving Parts \(Heavy Equipment\)](#)
- [Rockwood Toolbox Talk – Blocking Equipment & Parking](#)
- You can find additional Rockwood Toolbox Talks [here](#).

MSHA, OSHA and other Resources:

- [Powered Haulage Safety](#) | Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)
- [Dumping Procedures.PDF \(state.pa.us\)](#) | Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)
- [Mobile Equipment Safety PowerPoint](#) | Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries
- [Powered Industrial Trucks \(Forklift\) eTool](#) | Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)



Learn more about MOBILE EQUIPMENT SAFETY on Streamery

Every Rockwood policy includes access to Streamery, a vast safety library with videos, quizzes and more resources to help you promote safety in your workplace. If you don't have access, contact us to get a username. Enter the SKU number below to find the recommended video.

Watch Streamery videos on MOBILE EQUIPMENT SAFETY:

- **Mobile Elevating Work Platforms: Safe Use and Requirements - Concise:** 13 min / SKU: 4919 + 4919-S / English & Spanish
- **Dump Truck Safety:** 8 min / SKU: 3622 / English
- **Motorized Pallet Truck Safety:** 17 min / SKU: 4251 + 4251-S / English & Spanish
- **Scissor Lifts in Industrial and Construction Environments (2022):** 15 min / SKU: 5182 / English
- **Telehandler Safety:** 16 min / SKU: 2841 / English
- **Skid Steer Safety:** 15 min / SKU: 2967 + 2967-S / English & Spanish



Questions? Feel free to reach out: As always, your Rockwood partners are available to answer your questions and help you promote safety in the workplace. Contact Rockwood Loss Control for any support you need.

Thank you for your continued partnership,

Rockwood Loss Control Team

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