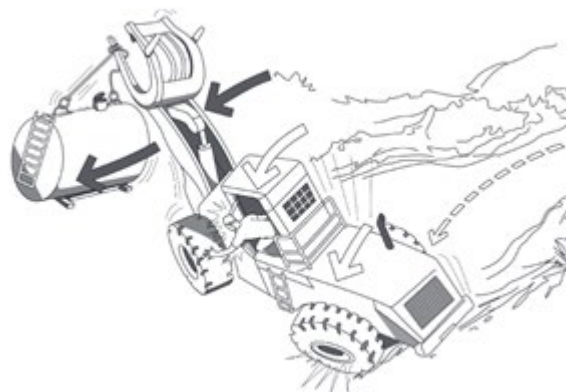


MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

A worker was using a wheel loader to move a large portable fuel tank. He suspended the tank from the loader's left fork using a pre-rigged bridle (sling). While manoeuvring the loader back the worker fully extended the lift arm and forks to clear an obstacle. In the attempt clear the obstacle, he articulated the loader's rear frame to the right. The machine arced back down the road, its right rear wheel striking a dirt mound. The loader tipped over. The worker, who was not wearing a seat belt, fell out of the open cab door and the loader landed on him. He died of his injuries.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

1. While operating mobile equipment, Always use the cab seat belt and ensure the door is closed.
2. To reduce the risk of swinging loads, secure the load before transport; evenly distribute the weight of a suspended load or attach a tag line to it to control its swing.
3. Avoid fully extending loader lift arms and forks, which destabilizes the vehicle by moving its centre of gravity forward.
4. Choose a route free of obstacles, steep grades, or other factors leading to vehicle instability.

Important Take Away

Always wear your seatbelt when operating mobile equipment.

