

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Grader Slides into Pickup

A grader was called out to assist in pulling out a stuck pick-up truck. When the operator arrived, a plan was discussed to pull the pickup forward. The grader had 3 sets of chains on and all were in good condition. As soon as the grader was put in reverse, it started to slide and went 50 feet down the hill. The operator tried to drop the blade to control the direction of the slide but was unsuccessful.

The contractor’s supervisors were standing on either side of the pick-up truck holding the tow rope when the grader started to slide back. They were able to move out of way quickly enough to avoid injury. The grader struck the stuck pickup, pushing it back roughly 30 feet and damaging the front bumper.



SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Always stay out of the bite.
- In an upset condition, ask yourself: **“What is the worst-case scenario?”** then plan for it.
- Discuss a plan beforehand. Have an escape route in place.
- Be aware of changing conditions and be ready for the unexpected in upset and extreme conditions.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Always stay out of the bite in an upset condition.

