

## The Forestry Safety Association of Newfoundland and Labrador

## Safety tips for Equipment Operator's to keep in mind while you are the operator of a piece of equipment:

- Always use seat belts when operating equipment.
- Always use three-point contact when entering and exiting equipment.
- Clean the windshield at the start of each shift and when needed.
- Check fluid levels, horn and side view mirrors if equipped.
- Test your head lights and back-up alarm.
- Check your fire extinguisher and inspect wipers.
- Make sure other workers are clear before you start your equipment.
- Be sure workers are outside of the swing radius when operating.
- Shut off engines before fueling and never smoke while refueling.
- Keep oil and grease wiped from standing surfaces and handrails.
- Use the buddy system when exiting your equipment for any reason. Call your co-worker to inform them you are getting out and the approx. time that you will return. When you are back in the cab let them know, you have returned.

STOP & CALL YOUR SUPERVISOR IF THE EQUIPMENT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT. YOUR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT RESPONDS TO YOUR MOVEMENTS ... MAKE SURE THEY ARE SAFE ONES!

Always be aware of your surroundings!