Front End Loader Safety Picture This



What`s wrong in this picture?

How dangerous is this scene? There are some hazards to be considered as well when you are operating a front-end loader: (1) getting caught in the pinch points of the bucket arms or the pivot area of an articulated machine, (2) collision, (3) running over a pedestrian, (4) spilling a load on others, (5) machine upset, (6) falling over an edge, (7) a rider falling off, (8) the operator falling when mounting or dismounting the equipment, (9) mechanical failure and, (10) a raised bucket falling.

You have probably experienced the bouncing, weaving, and “road walk” that leaves you feeling as if you are not in total control of the equipment. Hopefully, you have recognized this as dangerous and have learned to slow down, especially when traveling downgrade, when empty, or when traveling on a particularly bad terrain.

Back Up Cautiously: Accidents occur most frequently when backing. Permit No Riders: No one, other than the operator, should ride the equipment. Extreme Caution in Pivot Areas: Articulated loaders have a very nasty pinch point at the pivot. Overhead Hazards: Be cautious if you are around, between, or under a raised bucket or its arms.

“Heavy” equipment is just that! Respect its dangers!