Everyday Safety

*Tailgate Talks*

**Driver Operator Safety**

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The safety of our worker is the highest priority! The way you drive says much about you and our organization. Make a positive impact by following these work-related safe driving practices:

* Use your seatbelt at all times
* Be well rested, avoid taking medications that make you drowsy and never drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs
* Dedicate your full attention to driving. Avoid distractions such as eating, talking or texting on the cell phone
* Drive safely per the road conditions – drive the speed limit or slower….
* Continually search the roadway or job site to be alert for situations requiring quick action
* Keep your cool in traffic
* Drive defensively. Be seen - Turn on your lights in low light
* Be patient and courteous to other drivers
* Follow only one spotter or signaler
* No matter how difficult, do not take other driver’s actions personally
* Never become complacent
* Expect the unexpected
* Always be sure your truck/equipment is in safe condition
* Always be sure your truck/equipment is safely loaded



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