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TOOLBOX TALK

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Mounting and Dismounting Equipment Safely

Here at Gray & Son we want to be sure we are mounting and dismounting equipment and trucks in a safe manner. We recently almost had a serious injury. Whether it is an excavator, dozer, or a dump truck, take your time when mounting/dismounting the equipment and trucks. A fall from equipment or a truck can be very painful and serious. In the morning, the steps may be damp. Make sure your shoes or boots are not a slipping hazard.

DO NOT RUSH – Take the time needed to properly enter and exit the equipment; do not skip steps or rungs in the ladder.

- Always use 3-point contact and watch where you are stepping on to the ground.
- **ALWAYS** mount and dismount while facing the equipment.
- Do not carry items when mounting or dismounting equipment.
- If carrying items up and down from the cab is necessary, place the item(s) on a bench or a ledge of the equipment and stagger step the items up or down with the extra hand while maintaining three points of contact, or you can also use a rope to raise or lower the items.
- Inspect the condition of rails and guard for damage and effectiveness.
- Always close and latch gates, as required, for fall protection.

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- **Close doors to the equipment in case the outside grab bars are used as handles while climbing in or out.**

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