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Preventing Caught In/Under/Between Injuries in AFF

The caught in/under/between category of injuries has consistently ranked highest among occupational injuries in agriculture, forestry and commercial fishing (AFF). Most machines found in AFF have moving parts that can cause injury. In addition to machinery, harvested timber and livestock also pose a danger. The most common caught in/under/between incidents involve workers being caught in machinery or being pinned between equipment and another solid object such as livestock, trees or timber.

Caught in/under/between incidents can occur due to incorrect hitching practices, not being visible to the equipment operator, inadequate safety guards on equipment or improper lighting in livestock handling situations.

What are some of the things you can do to prevent caught in/under/between incidents?

- Become familiar with equipment; know where the pinch, shear, wrap, cut and cushion points are located.
- Know where pull-in areas on equipment are located.
- Always shut down machinery before attempting repairs or inspection.
- Make sure all equipment guards are in place and properly secured.
- When hitching or unhitching equipment, stand to the side so that you are clearly visible to the equipment operator.
- Leave an escape route around machinery, logs, trees or livestock to prevent being pinned between objects.
- Never enter an enclosed area with livestock unless it is equipped with a man-gate.
- Always avoid the kicking region when approaching livestock.



Resources:

Caught in-between injuries in logging industry

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Topics/AtoZ/InjuryFS/PDFs/LoggingCaughtin.pdf>

Secondary Injury Prevention: Caught-in, Caught-between, or Struck by Objects

http://ohioline.osu.edu/aex-fact/pdf/AEX_981_2_10.pdf

Dairy Farm Workers-Caught in, Under or Between Injuries

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Topics/AtoZ/InjuryFS/PDFs/DairyFarmsCaught%20in.pdf>

Orchard Workers – Caught in/under between injuries

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Topics/AtoZ/InjuryFS/PDFs/OrchardsCaughtin.pdf>

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