100770 Maintain Your Guard Around Mobile Equipment - Leadersheet

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What's at Stake

- More than 100 workers across North America die
- Thousands more are injured
- Highway work zones
- Road construction, maintenance or utility work

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What's the Danger

- Workers in highway work zones
- Being struck by passing highway traffic
- Being hit by mobile equipment
- Nearly half of the worker fatalities
- Construction equipment contacting workers on foot

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What's the Danger

- Motorists passing through
- Obey all signs and signals
- Many do not
- May be annoyed at being expected to slow down
- May be gawking at construction activity

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What's the Danger

- Workers on foot
- Hazard of slow-moving construction vehicles
- Moving into their paths and crushing them
- Workers, dwarfed by huge machinery
- Often aren't seen until it's too late

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Example

- Heavy equipment operator
- Walking between two parked compactors
- Truck struck one of the compactors
- Parking brake was not functioning properly
- Compactor moved, crushing the worker

· Pronounced dead on arrival

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How to Protect Yourself

- · Arrive at work well-rested
- Not impaired
- · Not distracted
- Stay focused
- Working in highway work zones
- Safety training regarding how to work
- In a high-traffic area
- Talk to your supervisor

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How to Protect Yourself

- Maintain eye contact with mobile equipment operators
- You can't see them
- Can't see you either
- Never take a shortcut
- Wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE)
- High-visibility vests

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How to Protect Yourself

- Pay attention to what's going on
- Stay out of the path of equipment
- Learn about traffic control devices
- If you see skid marks
- · Barrels and cones knocked down
- Report these to your supervisor

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How to Protect Yourself

- Watch out for passing vehicles and equipment
- Never approach a moving vehicle
- Make sure he stops before approaching
- Never hitch a ride
- Don't ride or work from the box of a company pickup truck

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Final Word

Highway work zones are complex places.

You need to stay alert for and avoid hazards from both motorists and co-workers operating mobile equipment.

