Ground Crew Worker Safety

Here are some safety tips to help avoid injury when working around heavy equipment.

1. All workers should be trained before working around heavy equipment.
2. Communication is vital while working around heavy equipment. All workers should be able to use hand signals and/or have a working radio.
3. Always wear safety glasses, proper apparel, and a hard hat while working around heavy equipment.
4. Always wear Class 2 or Class 3 high-visibility clothing when working around heavy equipment.
5. Be aware of the equipment blind spots and avoid those areas.
6. Never walk or work under a suspended load.
7. When working around heavy equipment make sure both you and the operator are aware of your location.
8. Never approach a piece of heavy equipment without the operator first signaling to you that it’s ok.
9. Do not ride in the bucket, on a load, or stand on the side step.

Ground crew workers can become accustomed to being around heavy equipment and become careless. Conduct safety trainings periodically as a reminder to follow safety guidelines.