skid Loader safety

Machine Maintenance

- Stay clear of moving parts
- Inspect each day before use
- Ensure shields and guards are in place
- Replace damaged or worn parts immediately -Repair leaking fittings or damaged hydraulic hoses

Mounting & Dismounting

- Never jump off when exiting

- Never use controls as handholds - Always enter with the loader arms down

-Keep steps clean from grease, oil, and debris

- Face the machine & maintain 3 points of contact



- Keep riders off of the machine
- Be aware of potential site hazards
- Before backing, clear path of travel
- Be aware of bystanders or coworkers
- Understand the controls and safety equipment
- Lower all attachments to the ground before shut down

Stability

- Travel with the heavy end uphill
- Stabilize load by evenly distributing materials
- Avoid overloading check manual for load capacity
- Loader attachments alter the machines center of gravity
- Use caution on slopes and avoid abrupt turns at high speeds
- Keep loads close to the ground to aid visibility and lower center of gravity



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