



# Equipment Safety: Maintenance

Properly maintaining, repairing, cleaning, and storing construction equipment can help prevent injuries and deaths. It can also make the equipment last longer.

## Hank's Story

Hank was told to use a forklift to move some materials. Oil had leaked out onto the floor of the cab from a damaged hydraulic line. Hank didn't notice the oil and slipped while getting into the cab. He twisted his knee and ended up missing a week of work while recovering.

- ✘ What caused this incident?
- ✘ How could this have been prevented?
- ✘ Have you ever been injured as a result of poorly maintained equipment, or do you know someone who has? If so, what happened?

## Remember This

- **Always** inspect equipment before using it to make sure it is in safe working order and good repair.
- **Do not** use damaged equipment.
- Tell your supervisor if equipment needs to be maintained, cleaned, or repaired.
- Use proper lockout/tagout procedures to control **all** hazardous energy sources **before** maintaining, cleaning, or repairing equipment.

## How can we stay safe today?

What will we do at the worksite to make sure equipment is safe to use?

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OSHA Standards: 1926.431 and 1926.417





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