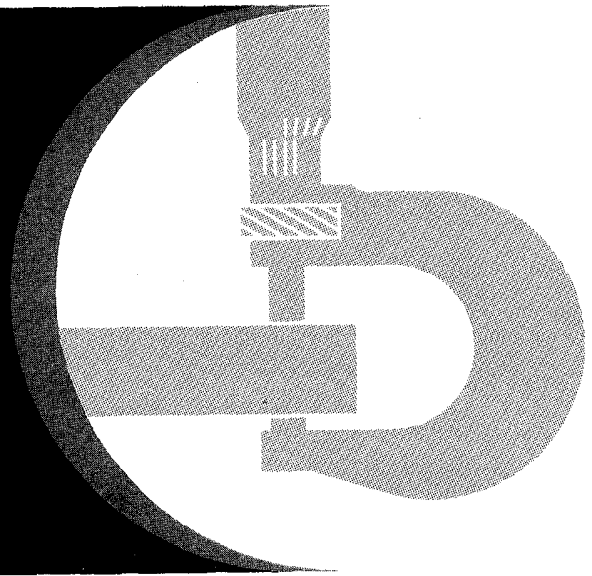


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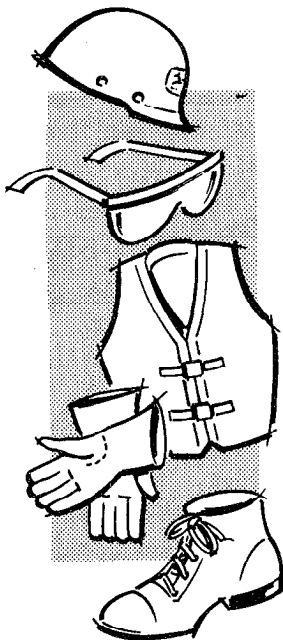
MAINTENANCE WITHOUT ACCIDENT WORK SAFELY



T27999N

 This safety alert symbol identifies important safety messages in this manual and on the crawler. When you see this symbol, be alert to the possibility of personal injury and carefully read the message that follows.

**EVERY EMPLOYER HAS A
SAFETY PROGRAM. KNOW
WHAT IT IS!**



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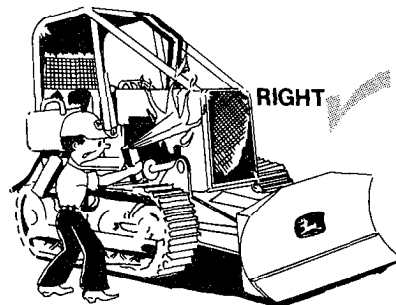
Consult your shop supervisor for specific instructions on a job, and the safety equipment required.

For instance, you may need: Hard hat, safety shoes, safety goggles, heavy gloves, reflector vests, ear protectors, respirators.



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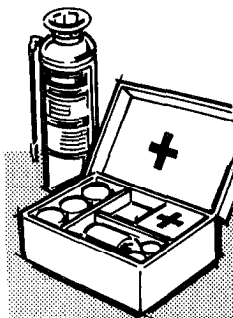
ALWAYS AVOID loose clothing or any accessory—flopping cuffs, dangling neckties and scarves, or rings and wrist watches—that can catch in moving parts and put you out of work.



T43517

BE ALERT!

Plan ahead—work safely—avoid accidental damage and injury. If a careless moment does cause an accident or fire, react quickly with the tools and skills at hand—know how to use a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher—and where to get aid and assistance. In an emergency, split-second action is the key to safety.



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MAINTENANCE WITHOUT ACCIDENT

Specific safety procedures should always be observed, whether servicing the equipment or making the repairs. Remembering these—in time!—can prevent an injury...or save your life....

AVOID FIRE HAZARDS—

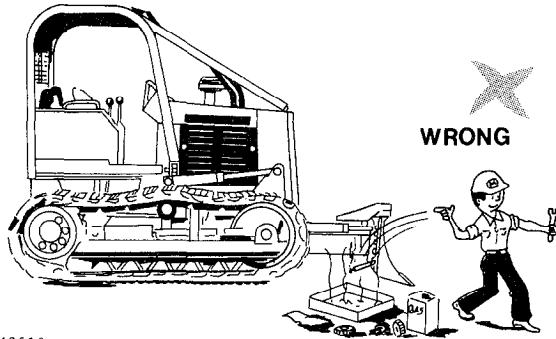
Fuel Is Dangerous!

Don't smoke while refueling.

Don't smoke while handling highly flammable material.

Engine should be shut off when refueling.

Use care in refueling if the engine is hot.



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Don't use open pans of gasoline or diesel fuel for cleaning parts. Good commercial, nonflammable solvents are preferred.

Battery Gas Is Highly Flammable!

Provide adequate ventilation when charging batteries.



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Don't check battery charge by placing metal objects across the posts.

Don't allow sparks or open flame near batteries.

Don't smoke near battery.

Flame Is Not a Flashlight!

Never check fuel, battery electrolyte or coolant levels with an open flame.

Never use an open flame to look for leaks anywhere on the equipment.

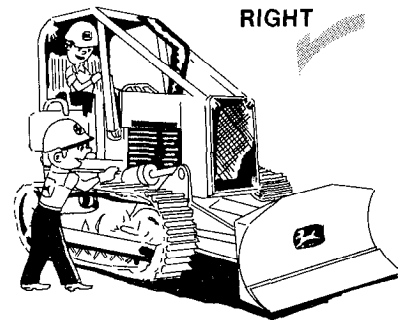
Never use an open flame as a light anywhere on or around the equipment.

KNOW WHERE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE KEPT!

UNDER ALL MAINTENANCE CONDITIONS—

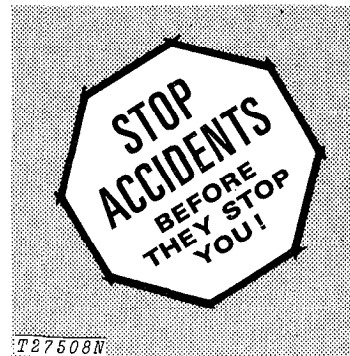
Do not perform any work on the equipment unless authorized to do so. Then be sure you know what you're doing. Follow recommended procedures.

Never service the equipment while it is being operated.



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Avoid working on equipment with the engine running. If it is necessary to make checks with the engine running **ALWAYS USE TWO SERVICE TECHNICIANS**—one, the operator, at the controls, the other checking in view of the operator. Also, put the transmission in neutral, set the parking brake, and apply any safety locks provided. **KEEP HANDS AWAY FROM MOVING PARTS.**

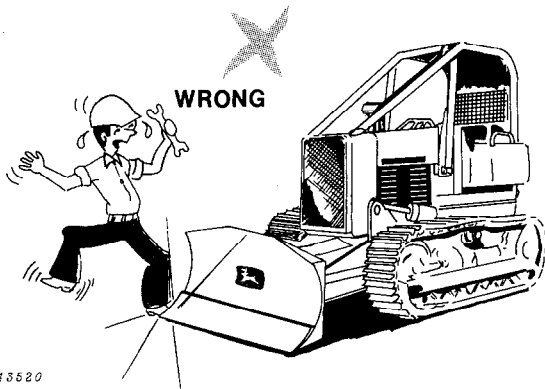


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MAINTENANCE WITHOUT ACCIDENT

Before servicing, adjusting, or repairing crawlers which have attachments such as blades, etc.—**LOWER** attachments to the ground—or, if necessary to raise them for access to certain parts, **SECURELY SUPPORT** by external means. **DO NOT** rely on controls to support or position attachments for maintenance.

Never allow **ANYONE** to walk under equipment that is raised and not properly blocked.

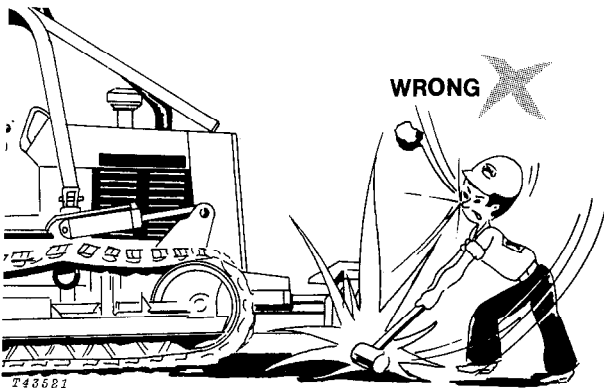


Avoid working directly under raised and blocked equipment unless absolutely necessary.

If the machine is on an incline, block it securely.

Use hoisting equipment for lifting heavy parts. **TAKE CARE! WATCH OUT FOR OTHER PEOPLE IN THE VICINITY.**

Use extreme caution in removing radiator caps, drain plugs, grease fittings, or hydraulic pressure caps.



Wear safety glasses when drilling, grinding, or hammering metal.

Make sure the maintenance area is adequately vented.

Keep maintenance area **CLEAN AND DRY**. Oily and wet floors are slippery; greasy rags are a fire hazard; wet spots are dangerous when working with electrical equipment.

Store starting aids in a cool and well-ventilated place, out of the reach of unauthorized personnel.

SERVICING PRECAUTIONS

Stop the engine before cleaning or lubricating the equipment.

Lower mounted equipment and tools to the ground *carefully*.



Engine coolant gets hot! Don't remove the radiator cap until coolant temperature is below the boiling point. Then turn cap slightly to relieve pressure before removing.

Exhaust gases are dangerous! Periodically check exhaust system for excessive leakage.

Don't forget a hydraulic system may be pressurized! To relieve pressure, shut off engine and move control levers until hydraulic functions do not respond.

When checking hydraulic pressure, be sure to use the correct test gauge for the pressure in the particular system.