



# SAFETY TALK

## Working on stockpiles

Every year, workers are injured or killed while working on or around stockpiles.

### What's the danger?

When work is being done at the top of a stockpile, the equipment can weaken the crest of the pile and cause a rollover.

The stability of the slope can quickly change with fluctuations in the weather and from material being moved.

Workers at the bottom of the slope could be seriously injured by falling material.

### How to protect yourself

#### Before starting work:

- Familiarize yourself with the site plan – know where structures, stockpiles and roadways are located
- Never exceed the maximum height of any stockpile

#### When loading:

- Never enter an active loading area
- Never leave the cab of your vehicle while the loading is in progress
- Never undercut the working face or leave a hollow in it

#### When operating on top of a stockpile:

- Always be aware of cracks, slumping or bulging of the stockpile
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Never move or alter the barrier or berm
- Keep equipment away from the edge
- Exercise caution while operating equipment

Print and review this talk with your staff, sign off and file for COR™ / SECOR audit purposes.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Performed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Concerns:

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#### Corrective Actions:

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