



SAFETY TALK

Diesel emissions

Many vehicles and pieces of equipment operate with diesel as their fuel source. Direct or indirect contact with liquid diesel or diesel fumes can cause harmful health effects.

What's the danger?

- Inhalation of diesel fumes can cause:
 - Irritation of the eyes, nose and throat
 - Dizziness and lightheadedness
 - Coughing or wheezing
 - Chest tightness
 - Headache
 - Nausea and vomiting
 - Increased risk of cancer
- Skin contact with liquid diesel can cause irritation and redness to the exposed area.

Protect yourself

- Regularly inspect equipment and vehicles to ensure proper maintenance and no leaks in exhaust or fuel systems
- Wear and regularly maintain all PPE needed when working with diesel
- Use local exhaust-ventilation fans where diesel fumes are present in closed environments
- If contact is made with diesel, remove contaminated clothing and wash the area with soap and water
- Minimize diesel engine use in areas with inadequate ventilation
- Properly control and clean any diesel spills
- If over-exposed to diesel fumes, leave the area immediately and take deep breaths of fresh air
- Turn equipment and vehicles off when refueling

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Date: _____

Supervisor: _____

Performed by: _____

Location: _____

Concerns:

Corrective Actions:

Employee Name:

Employee Signature:

