**BALING MACHINE SAFETY TIPS**

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**GENERAL BALER INFORMATION**

- Know the hazards of operating a baler. Electrical, physical, and ergonomic hazards are all concerns when operating a baler.
- Wear appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment): Safety glasses, gloves, and steel toed shoes may be required when operating the baler.
- Follow all established policies and procedures. When in doubt, ask your supervisor for guidance.
- Follow all of the manufacturer’s operating instructions, safety rules and maintenance procedures.
- Never operate the baler if any deficiencies are found during your pre-use inspection of the baler.
- Observe any locks and/or tags placed on the baler by maintenance personnel, and NEVER bypass any lock or tag to operate the baler.
- Remove the key from the switch when you are finished using the baler to prevent use by unauthorized personnel.
- Stand away from the front of the baler during compaction.
- Never place glass, metal, or other unauthorized objects into the baler.
- Be careful when using baling wire. The sharp (cut) end should always be facing down to avoid cuts.
- Keep wire, cutters, & other tools away from the baler when unloading.
- Prevent the load from falling onto your legs or feet when unloading.
- Get assistance when moving the stack to avoid back injury, or unload directly to a pallet and move using a pallet jack.
- Never allow liquids near the electrical controls!
- Clean the baler and the floor area when finished. Avoid collecting dust on the floor to prevent slips and falls.