

BALING MACHINE SAFETY TIPS

ARE YOU AUTHORIZED TO USE THIS BALER?

Only authorized employees may operate the baler.

The baler must be inspected prior to each use to ensure safe operation.

Report any deficiencies found during your inspection to your supervisor.

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.

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