



## CALIFORNIA DOZER OPERATORS GROUP

### Dozer Safety Bulletin



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#### MSHA Fatalgram

**DOZER OPERATOR FATALITY** - On Friday, September 19, 2008, at approximately 1:15 a.m., a 53-year old bulldozer operator with 30 years experience was injured fatally when the bulldozer he was operating over traveled the highwall and fell approximately 190 feet. The victim was assigned to push spoil material toward the highwall.

#### Best Practices

- Remain familiar with your work environment.
- Implement safety precautions for adverse weather, lighting, and visibility conditions (provide light towers and ensure wipers, washers, and defrosters are working properly and window cleaning supplies are readily available).
- Assure the dozer blade is kept between you and the edge when operating close to drop offs.
- Ensure that personnel operating mobile equipment always wear seat belts.
- Conduct pre-operational checks to identify any defects affecting safe equipment operation before placing into service.
- Maintain equipment braking and steering systems in good repair.
- Train all employees on proper work procedures and hazard recognition and avoidance

Reference Credit: U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration – MSHA [www.MSHA.gov](http://www.MSHA.gov)