

# “BEST PRACTICE” PREVENTION STRATEGIES



Grain Handling Safety Coalition

## 1. ENTRAPMENT/ENGULFMENT – BEST PRACTICES



- **ALWAYS** lockout and tag out unloading equipment before entering a bin.
- **NEVER** work alone in a bin. Have someone watching who can call for help.
- **ALWAYS** wear a harness and lifeline. Do **NOT** “walk down the grain”.

## 2. FALLS – BEST PRACTICES



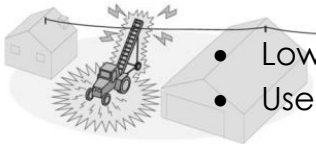
- Use fall protection for heights over 4 feet – either restraint or fall arrest systems.
- 3-4-1 Triangle for ladders - Extend ladder 3 feet above surface; For every 4 feet of height, place ladder 1 foot away from surface.

## 3. ENTANGLEMENT – BEST PRACTICES



- If it moves – guard it! Use AUTO – Around, Under, Through, Over.
- **ALWAYS** Lock out/Tag out all equipment before working on it.

## 4. ELECTRICAL –BEST PRACTICES



- Lower augers, pole, ladders, etc. to avoid hitting overhead power lines.
- Use Lock Out/Tag Out before service or maintenance.

## 5. STRUCK BY (falling/thrown objects, vehicles, machines) – BEST PRACTICES



- Wear PPE - hardhat, steel toed footwear.
- Secure overhead objects & transport tools in secure manner.
- Block & Lock. Block tires & raised beds. Lock vehicles, hydraulics, mechanisms.

## 6. DUST EXPLOSIONS – BEST PRACTICES



- Limit all ignition sources & control the fire elements.
- Perform maintenance and housekeeping regularly.

**Safety does not have to be complicated or costly.  
It just needs to be done!**

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