

Skid Steer Operator Certification

This course educates the skid steer driver on the safe and proper methods of operating a skid steer in the workplace.

Topics include; elements of a visual and operational daily inspection, principles of safe operation, legislative requirements and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are reviewed. We will present various machine specifications, vehicle and load stability, and procedures for safe loading, unloading and traveling with loads. We discuss the importance of working safely around pedestrians, proper excavating and leveling practises and common causes of workplace accidents and fatalities using a skid steer.



Course Length: 4 Hours

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, participating workers will be able to:

1. Describe the legal responsibilities of the employer, supervisor and skid steer operator
2. Understand the common causes of workplace accidents and fatalities using a skid steer
3. Conduct an effective inspection and record the results of visual and operational inspections
4. Identify and correctly use appropriate PPE
5. Determine the load handling capacity & characteristics of various skid steers
6. Identify hazards associated with the operation of skid steers around pedestrians
7. Demonstrate operator competence during day-to-day operations, including safely loading the bucket, traveling with a load and unloading the bucket
8. Identify and demonstrate proper procedures for excavating, backfilling and leveling the ground
9. Demonstrate safe entry, exit and parking procedures
10. Describe the proper method for transporting the loader safely



Evaluation:

- Written quiz & Practical Skills Evaluation
- **Minimum grade of 80%** is required to pass the course.
- Successful graduates will receive a three-year Wallet Card Certification.

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Who Should / Must Attend This Course:

- All Supervisors of workers who operate Skid Steer devices in the workplace
- All Skid Steer operators

Additional Information About This Course:

- Employers should provide a minimum of 8 hours of practice time for new skid steer operators prior to being evaluated on the machine
- Skid steer operators should receive retraining at intervals not exceeding three years.



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