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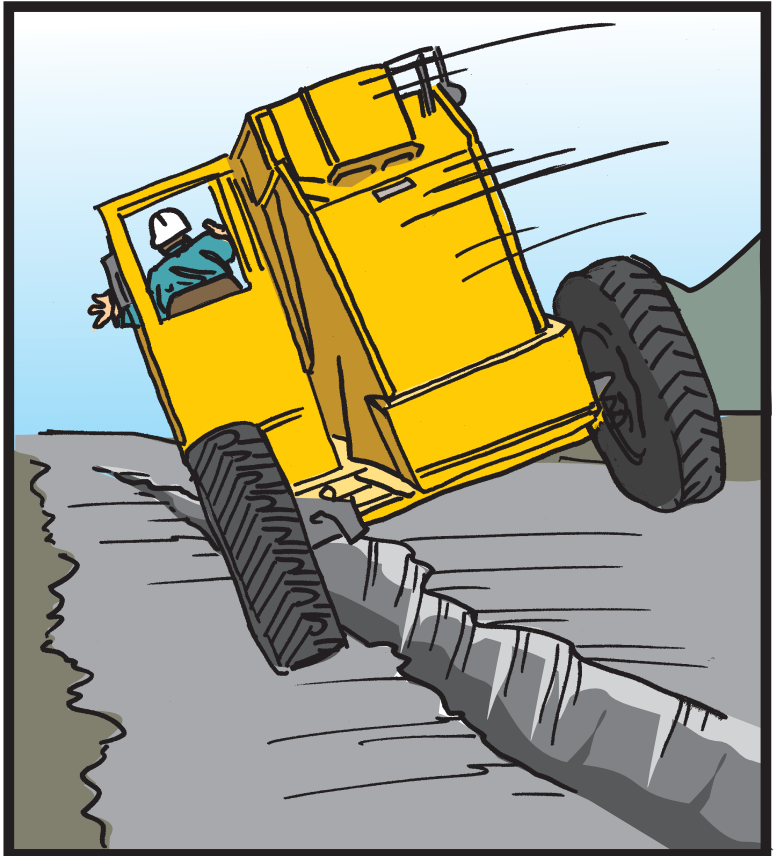
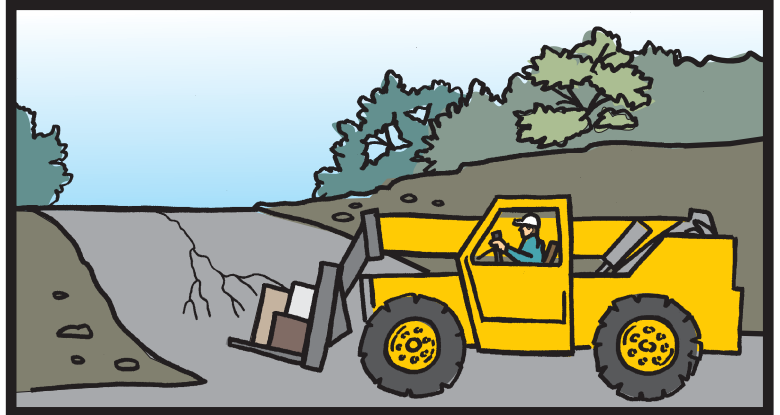
Vol 28 - No 52 SKYTRAK TIPOVER ACCIDENT**INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:**

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SAFETY RECOMMENDATION:

Before beginning any heavy equipment operation, a thorough inspection of the work area should be conducted. Some of the safety considerations that need to be identified are:

1. Pedestrian and traffic hazards - Use a flagger if needed.
2. Solid ground - Make sure work area has a firm foundation and avoid concrete driveways if at all possible.
3. Obstacles - Locate all obstacles such as overhead power lines, water/gas hook ups or meters and manholes. Keep their location in mind while operating equipment.
4. Blind spots - Identify those areas such as an intersection where you may have to slow down and sound your horn to warn others of your approach.



Remember to perform a pre-use inspection on your equipment before operating it. Check for leaks, tire condition, horn, back-up alarm and any other item that the equipment's manufacturer recommends. And remember to always wear your safety belt. You never know when it might come in handy.

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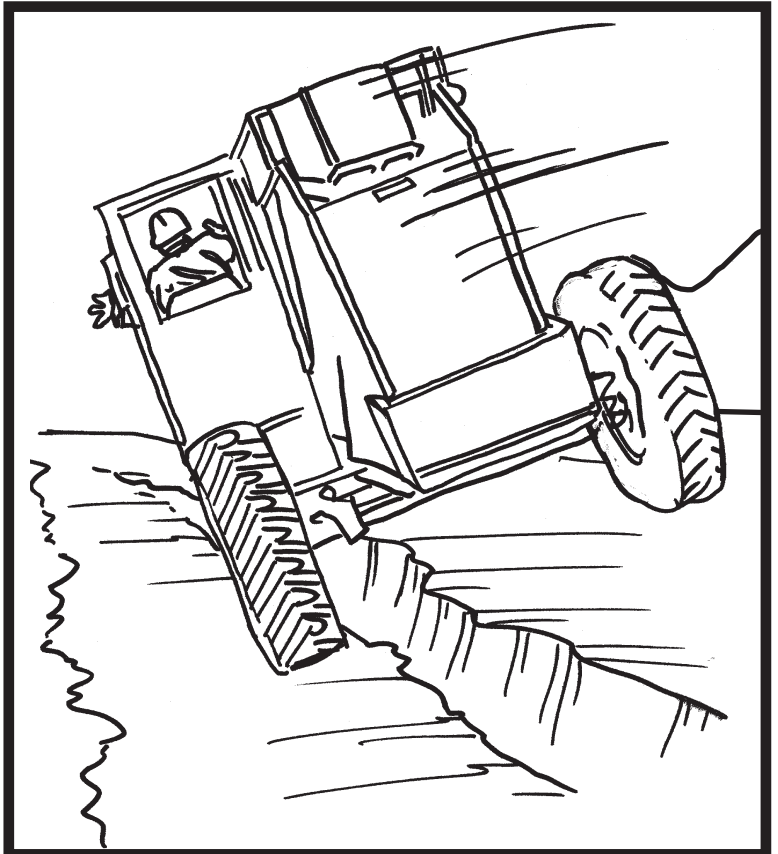
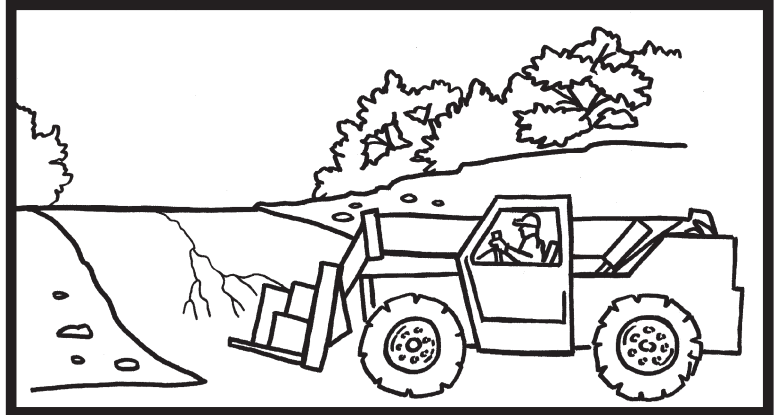
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