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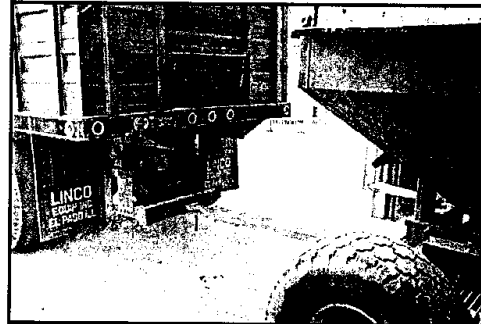
Dear Valued Customer,

During harvest several years ago, there was a fatal accident near the dump pit at a country elevator in Illinois. The accident involved a straight truck pulling a gravity wagon. The employee of the elevator finished dumping the truck and before he could get clear of the vehicle, the driver drove away, forgetting about the wagon he was pulling. As a result, the elevator employee was killed when he was struck by the gravity wagon.



Tragic accidents and near-miss accidents can happen in and around grain elevator dump pits if proper safety precautions are not observed. Over the years, various injuries including sprained wrists, shoulder problems, broken noses, and loss of teeth have occurred to grain elevator employees during the harvest seasons.

By following the four simple rules listed below, we will all be able to reduce the likelihood of a fatality or injury in or around the grain elevator dump pits this harvest season.



Dump Pit Safety Rules

Please follow these simple steps and procedures and we can all have a safe and productive harvest:

- 1. Shift your vehicle into neutral and set the parking brake.**
- 2. Do not begin hoisting dump bed vehicles until instructed to do so.**
- 3. If you have any problems with the mechanism that allows grain to flow out of your vehicle, inform the dump pit operator of the best method to operate this problem equipment.**
- 4. DO NOT PROCEED BACK TO THE SCALE UNTIL THE DUMP OPERATOR SIGNALS TO YOU THAT IT IS OK TO MOVE!**

5. DO NOT USE CELL PHONES IN SCALE AND PIT AREAS.