

# **Combine & Harvester Safety:**

## **Best Practices for Injury Prevention**

### **Key Safety Points:**

- **Pre-Operation Inspections:** Always perform a thorough check of the combine or harvester before use. Check for damaged parts, hydraulic systems, tires, and ensure all safety guards are in place.
- **Operator Training:** Only certified and experienced operators should use combines and harvesters. Ensure that all operators are properly trained on the machine's operation, emergency procedures, and safety protocols.
- **Stay Clear of Moving Parts:** Never attempt to clear blockages or make repairs while the machine is running. Wait until the machine is fully turned off and locked out to ensure no accidental startups.
- **Safe Loading & Unloading:** When unloading, make sure the equipment is stationary and on level ground. Be cautious when moving around the unloading area to avoid being struck by equipment or falling debris.
- **Use of Seat Belts:** Always wear seat belts when operating combine harvesters. This helps to reduce the risk of injury in case of sudden movements or equipment tipping.
- **Emergency Procedures:** Ensure that everyone on site is familiar with emergency shutdown procedures in case of malfunction or accident.