



# The Do's and Don'ts for Hose Handlers

## **KEEP COWORKERS SAFE ON THE JOB**

### **Do's**

- Stay clear of the discharge until the operator has told you it is safe to approach.
- Keep the end of a hanging discharge hose about two to three feet above the deck.
- Hold the hose at arm's length.
- Walk forward when moving the hose.
- Use a sturdy rope to move the hose on a deck, being sure the bottom side of the rope is not worn out.
- Use a single-ended hose on the discharge.
- Inspect hose regularly for wear and damage. Do not use hoses with wire or nylon braiding showing, or with soft spots.
- Keep your hands clear when lowering hose into a wall or column.
- Stay in visual contact with the pump operator or signal person.
- Agree in advance on communications to direct the movement of the boom, be it hand signals, radios, or other.

### **Don'ts**

- Never handle the hose without proper training or prior experience.
- Never kink the hose.
- Never carry the hose on your shoulder.
- Never hug the hose.
- Never hang from the hose.
- Never put yourself between the hose and a fixed object, such as a wall or column.
- Never walk backwards with the hose.
- Never use hooks or other devices that may cut or kink the hose.
- Never use hoses with damage to the outer covering.
- Never open any clamp until cleared by the operator.
- Never beat on a hose or pipe with a hammer.
- Never allow the tip hose on a boom pump to touch the deck.
- Never participate in the removal of a blockage unless you are directed to do so by the operator.
- Never approach the hose when first starting or after restarting until the operator has told you it's safe to approach.

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