

TOOLBOX

SAFETY TRAINING

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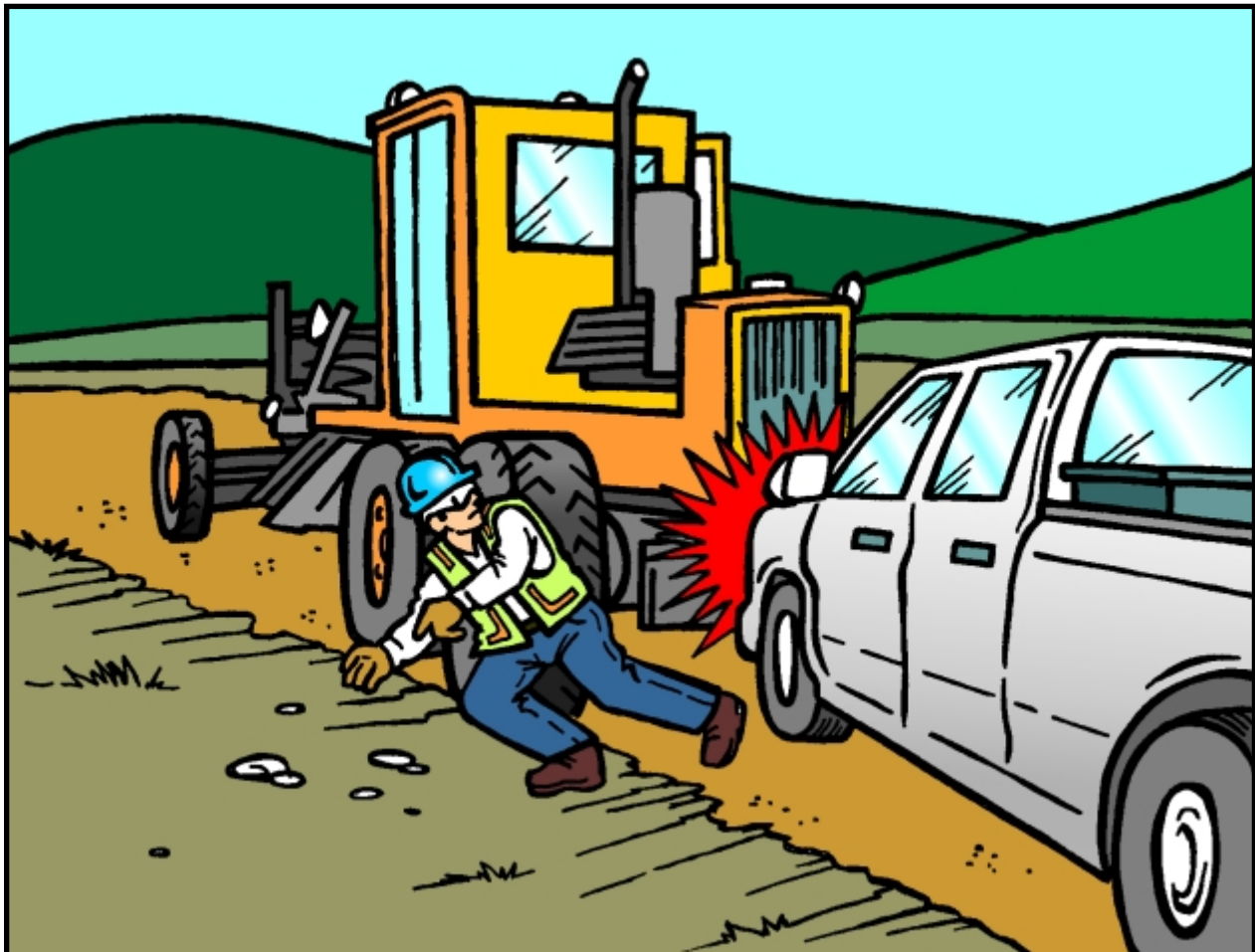
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SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. If you are on foot, always keep your eye on moving equipment.
2. Don't go into an area unless you have a specific job to do.
3. If you are driving into a site, be aware of equipment and never park behind moving equipment.
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