Seatbelts are required everywhere!

The vehicles you operate at work are all equipped with seatbelts... trucks, forklifts, end loaders, bucket trucks, etc. Yet we often see operators not using seatbelts for a variety of reasons: it’s uncomfortable; it doesn’t fit; I get on and off all the time; we don’t need them when in the scrap yard.

All of these excuses are bogus. OSHA tells us that if a mechanical device is equipped with a safety belt, the operator must use it. No excuses.

Commonly, many drivers believe that if they are not on the public highway they do not have to use their seatbelts. This is wrong. Even when moving slowly in the scrap yard your seatbelt should be on for both drivers and passengers.

Use the safety devices that your equipment is outfitted with. It’s there for a good reason. Even slow speed impacts can have devastating injury results.