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Operating heavy equipment is a regular part of the job for city and county road crews.

In and out of the driver's seat — safely

OPERATING heavy equipment can be a dangerous occupation. Just getting on and off loaders and motor graders and other motorized monsters can be hazardous to your health!

In just 18 minutes, a unique new training video—*On Again Off Again: A Guide to Mounting and Dismounting Heavy Equipment*—effectively teaches operators how to avoid injuries when getting on and off heavy equipment.

This video isn't just for novices. Most accidents that occur during mounting or dismounting equipment involve experienced operators. In Oklahoma, where the video was produced, between 25 and 30 falls from equipment occur every year, at an estimated annual cost of \$800,000.

Previewed at National Association of County Engineers (NACE) meetings, the video has been applauded as an entertaining and informative training tool that equipment operators relate to.

The video was produced by the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO) and is being distributed free to LTAP centers, courtesy of ACCO, the Public Entity Risk Institute, and NACE.

To borrow a copy, contact Jim Hogan, LTAP library coordinator, 515-294-8103, hoganj@iastate.edu. Ask for video V-726. •



A network of information resources at your fingertips



BEGINNING March 1, 2004, TransCat, a new online catalog of transportation-related

resources, will provide Iowa's transportation community access to a gold mine of training and information materials.

Here's what will be available with only a few clicks of a computer mouse:

- TransCat catalogs the holdings of 11 state DOT libraries, including Iowa's, plus those of the
 - Transportation Research Board library,
 - University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies library,
 - University of California–Berkeley Harmer E. Davis Transportation Center Library,
 - Northwestern University Transportation Library,
 - University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute Library,
 - Virginia Transportation Research Council, and the
 - Los Angeles County Transit Authority.
- TransCat is searchable by anyone with internet access.
- A free public view, Guest Access, allows users to view and search TransCat holdings.
- Most resources listed in TransCat are available for loan to any transportation official or practitioner.
- A growing number of items in TransCat are linked to online, full-text publications that can be downloaded and/or printed.

The TransCat service was initiated by a consortium of state agency and university transportation libraries—the Midwest Transportation Knowledge Network (MTKN).

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