Loading Equipment on Trailers
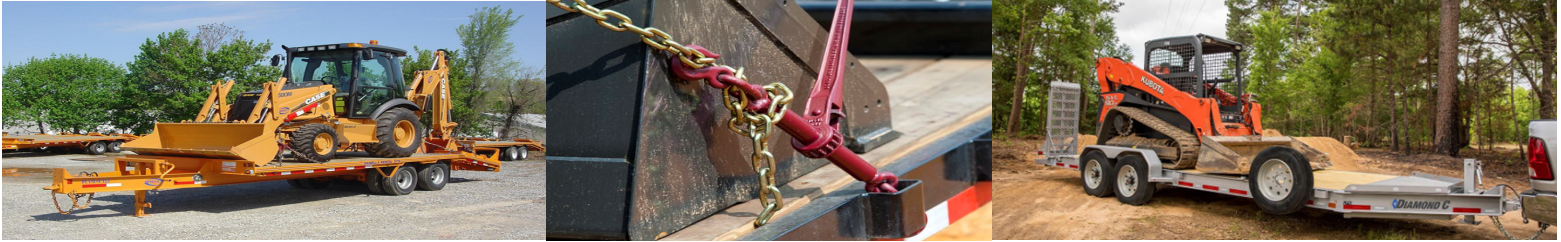
When loading equipment onto trailers, always remember:

1. **Inspect Equipment and Trailer:**
   a. Ensure both the equipment and trailer are in good working condition.
   b. Check for any visible damage or wear that could compromise safety.

2. **Use Proper Loading Techniques:**
   a. Use proper ramps or loading docks for the size/type of equipment.
   b. Securely fasten ramps to prevent slipping or shifting during loading.

3. **Balance the Load:**
   a. Distribute the weight evenly across the trailer to avoid tipping or swaying.
   b. Position the heaviest part of the equipment over the trailer axles.

4. **Secure the Load:**
   a. Use appropriate tie-downs, chains, and binders to secure the equipment.
   b. Double-check all connections to ensure they are tight and secure.

5. **Follow Weight Limits:**
   a. Do not exceed the trailer's weight capacity.
   b. Calculate the combined weight to avoid overloads.

6. **Wear Protective Gear:**
   a. Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, helmets, and steel-toed boots.

7. **Stay Alert:**
   a. Be aware of your surroundings and watch for any potential hazards.
   b. Communicate clearly with team members to coordinate movements.