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Remember that skid-steer loaders are powerful machines. They are very maneuverable and versatile. They can operate in tight quarters and can have many types of added attachments. Skid-steer can put people at risk for rollover and run over incidents. To prevent these types of crushing incidents from occurring, manufacturers have been equipping skid-steers with interlocking controls, which prevent operational controls from being unintentionally engaged. Skid-steers first became equipped with these types of features in the early 1980's. All newer skid-steers will have a non-operational control such as a restraint bar, seatbelt, or pressure switch in the seat that must be activated in order for the operational controls to function. Be sure that all workers who will operate the skid steer have the proper training and read the operator's manual. Photo by Mustang Mfg.

