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Always avoid entering a grain storage bin - if at all possible.

If you have to enter, you **MUST** follow these rules - they **SAVE LIVES:**

- ✓ **TURN OFF** and disconnect, lock out, or block-off all powered equipment, especially grain-moving equipment (like augers).
- ✓ **USE** a body harness with an anchored lifeline or boatswain chair when entering from a level at or above stored grain.
- ✓ **TEST** the bin's air to ensure there is enough oxygen and no toxic and/or flammable gas.
- ✓ **DO NOT** walk on or "down" the grain to make it flow.
- ✓ **DO NOT** enter onto or below bridged grain or when grain is built up on sides.
- ✓ **DO NOT** enter without having rescue equipment and a rescue-trained observer stationed outside who is in constant contact with you.
- ✓ **CONFIRM** from your employer's issued entry permit that all safety precautions are in place and it is safe to enter.



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Workers under 16 years old are prohibited from entering grain bins!

Moving grain acts like "quicksand" and can bury and suffocate you in seconds! **NEVER** stand on moving/flowing grain.



From the time the auger starts, you have **2-3 seconds** to react.



In **4-5 seconds** you are trapped!



After **22 seconds**, you are completely covered.

NEVER stand on or below bridged grain; **NEVER** stand next to grain accumulated on the side of bins or try to dislodge it.



A dangerous situation created by a previous partial unloading of the bin.



As unloading begins, bridged grain falls into the air space and you are instantly trapped.



Before the grain flow can be stopped, you are covered. In seconds, suffocation occurs.

For more information or to file a complaint, call the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742).