

Work Zone Safety: Working Around Vehicles

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THE HAZARD

Road season means people on foot sharing ground with moving plant and public traffic. The operator who cannot see you assumes you are not there, and reversing is where most of it happens.

WHAT GOES WRONG

- Walking behind a machine that is reversing, inside the blind spot the whole way.
- High-visibility clothing so dirty or faded it no longer does anything.
- A spotter who is also doing something else, or who stands where the operator cannot see them.
- Eye contact assumed rather than confirmed before crossing behind equipment.

CONTROLS: BEFORE YOU START

- Know the blind spots on every machine on this site. They are bigger than they look.
- Never walk behind a machine without making eye contact with the operator first.
- Use a dedicated spotter for reversing, positioned where the operator can always see them.
- Keep high-visibility clothing clean enough to still be high-visibility.
- Separate people from plant with barriers and defined walking routes wherever you can.

ASK THE CREW

1. What is the traffic pattern on this job, and where do people and machines cross?
2. Who is spotting today, and what else are they responsible for?
3. Which machine here has the worst blind spot?
4. Is anyone's high-vis too dirty to do its job?

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Everyone present signs below. This sheet is the record of the talk.

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