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Safety Tip of the Week

Blind Spots in Mobile Equipment

A blind spot is the area around a vehicle or piece of construction equipment that is not visible to the operators, either by direct line-of-sight or indirectly by use of internal and external mirrors.

Pre-job risk assessment - consider these points:

- Consider the suitability of providing backup alarms on all mobile equipment.
- Whenever possible, plan the project to allow for drive-through operations that will limit the need for vehicles to back-up.
- Reduce foot traffic in areas where mobile equipment is to be working.
- Establish designated travel areas, ideally with barricades or other means to set apart from work locations.



Protection:

- High-Visibility Clothing;
- Backup Alarms;
- Protective Barriers;
- Observer;
- Communication; and
- Awareness.

Be Alert...Expect the Unexpected!!