



BLIND SPOT AWARENESS

Heavy equipment operators inside a cab often have restricted visibility or blind spots. A blind spot means the operator cannot see by direct line of site or by using mirrors.

“Struck by” accidents cause many injuries and accidents every year. Each machine has unique blind spots. Any operator that cannot see a person, vehicle or another object, runs the risk of an accident. Workers on the ground are especially vulnerable to being hit. Follow these safety practices when operating.



Learn the machine’s blind spots.



Follow the work site’s specific traffic pattern.



Know what is on the ground, below ground and overhead.



Back up the machine safely.



Designate a spotter to help when moving the machine. Make eye contact when possible. Watch for hand signals or use two-way radio communication.



Wear high visibility safety vests and proper PPE (all worksite personnel).



Stop and walk around the machine before backing up.



Get proper training before operating heavy equipment.

Find out how simulators can better train operators to increase **safety awareness and reduce the chance of an accident.**

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