

PLANT & VEHICLES

Introduction.

Plant & Vehicles on construction sites pose a significant risk of major injury to workers and visitors if suitable measures are not put in place.

Many fatalities and major injuries each year occur as a result of people being run over by, struck by or crushed by Plant & Vehicles.

Plant & Vehicles must only ever be operated and used by either those trained and competent to do so, and who are permitted to by the Project Management Team.

Reasons for accidents occurring include;

- Failure to keep to site speed limit
- Failure to ensure equipment is in a good condition e.g. handbrakes / brakes work correctly.
- Not working under the control of a Banksman where required.
- Poor visibility including light, dirty windows and mirrors.
- Poor site layout, e.g. Blind spots, sharp turns.
- Driver / Operator Error – Not paying attention, rushing to complete a task.
- Using Mobile Phones.

Reversing is a major cause of injury in which drivers / operators have failed to ensure the machine is controlled via a Banksman or the immediate area is clear of workforce.

Drivers & Operators must never use Plant / Vehicles unless checks have been undertaken to ensure the Safety Critical features of the equipment are functioning correctly and where required under the control of a Banksman.

If a Banksman has been appointed and for what ever reason can not undertake that duty, the machine should not operate unless the Banksman is present and able to perform the duties.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

NEVER REVERSE WITHOUT A BANKSMAN.

KEEP THE WINDOWS / MIRRORS CLEAN.

ENSURE ALL BRAKES WORK CORRECTLY.

NEVER USE MOBILE PHONES WHILE OPERATING PLANT / DRIVING VEHICLES.