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Being “In the Bight” is a way of saying that where you are located, you are potentially exposed to danger. Staying in the clear is important at all times.

Over time, it is very easy for a person to become complacent with their surroundings or tasks, and that can result in exposure to a hazardous situation.

Being careful to make sure you and your co-workers are always in the clear is necessary to ensure everyone can complete their task and make it home safely at the end of the shift.

Being in the clear means staying out of the line of fire, or avoiding the path of heavy objects or a potential release of energy.



Visit the WorkSafeBC website to review the investigation of a fatality that resulted from a worker being “in the bight,”



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? So what can I do?
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The key to avoiding injury is to recognize the risk and develop a safe solution before an incident occurs. Using the RADAR approach is one way to do this.

RADAR

Recognize and **A**ssess the risk, **D**evelop a plan, **A**ct safely, and **R**eport



Recognize the Risk

Recognize

Always be aware of the “upset condition.” Maintain a sense of awareness on your job and surroundings..... you need to know when something changes or conditions are becoming hazardous. Are you “in the bight?”

Assess

Develop

Act

Report



The worker in the photo should also be wearing a hardhat with a secure chinstrap.



Assess the Situation... Stop & Think

R*ecognize*

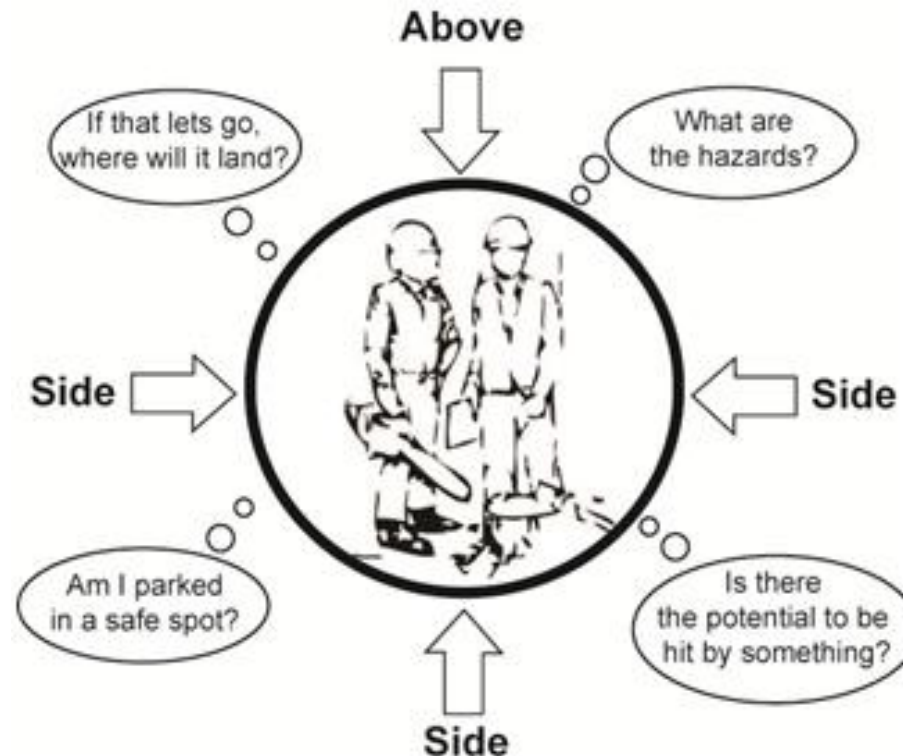
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When the upset condition is noticed....STOP!
Take note of all the possible hazards in you work area.....new hazards may exist.





Develop a safe solution

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Develop a plan for dealing with an unexpected or upset condition. If you create a good plan and follow it, the task can be finished safely. If you are unsure, ask for assistance.





Act safely to fix the problem

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R*eport*

If something changes while you are fixing the upset condition, **STOP** and re-think the solution. The plan may need to change to keep you or your co-workers safe.





Report and record the upset condition

R*ecognize*

Don't forget to report and record the upset condition. Reporting is a critical step in the correction of the procedures or circumstances that led to the upset condition.

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Incident or Close Call Reporting Form

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Reported by: _____



As **safety leaders**, it is up to us... every day

R*ecognize*

- Encourage workers to use safe work practices and incorporate RADAR into your safety systems

A*ssess*

- When you are on the job, take note of possible hazards and develop an action plan to correct the hazards

D*evelop*

- When hazards are identified, ensure they are communicated to workers

A*ct*

R*eport*

For more information on RADAR including posters, crew talks and information on how you can use it in your safety management system visit: www.bcforestsafe.org/RADAR