

WATCH OUT – TRAFFIC ABOUT!

STAY ON DESIGNATED WALKWAYS

Mobile equipment plays an essential role in manufacturing environments, but it can pose safety risks to workers, vehicles or pedestrians in the area — especially when visibility is limited for the operator.

This crew talk focusses on the important safety steps for both operators and everyone else who share the same work site.

MOBILE EQUIPMENT AND PEDESTRIAN INTERFACE SAFETY

- FOR PEDESTRIANS
- FOR EQUIPMENT OPERATORS
- BLIND SPOTS



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FOR PEDESTRIANS:

- **Stick to Designated Walkways:** Always use marked paths and designated walkways to stay clear of moving equipment.
- **Stay Alert:** Be aware of your surroundings and watch for mobile equipment operating nearby.
- **Make Eye Contact with Operators:** Before crossing paths with equipment, look for the operator and make sure they see you. A quick wave after eye contact helps confirm they've acknowledged you.
- **Avoid Blind Spots:** Never walk directly in front of or behind mobile equipment — operators may not be able to see you.
- **Wear High-visibility Clothing:** Bright, reflective gear helps operators spot you more easily.
- **Minimize Distractions:** Stay focussed. Avoid using phones, wearing earbuds or anything else that might take your attention away while walking through work areas.

FOR EQUIPMENT OPERATORS:

- **Use Caution at Intersections and Blind Spots:** Slow down, sound your horn and check mirrors carefully — especially near corners, doorways and intersections where pedestrians may be hidden from view.
- **Maintain a Safe Distance:** Always maintain a safe buffer between your equipment and pedestrians. Never assume they've seen you.
- **Be Aware of Pedestrians Areas:** Know where designated walkways are and watch for people moving through shared spaces.
- **Follow Safety Procedures:** If you can't clearly see your immediate work area, stop. Inspect the area on foot or wait for direction from a spotter or signaller before proceeding.

BLIND SPOTS:

- Limited visibility and poor sight lines are the most common risks when working around mobile equipment.
- Always be aware of the size and shape of the equipment, and where the operator is positioned in the equipment.

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