



SAFETY SHARE

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Backing Up

Backing accidents account for 30% of all vehicle accidents. Backing Incidents have caused and resulted in some of our industry's most frequent and serious injuries. Most every piece of equipment, especially large equipment, on a job-site has blind spots to the operator. Don't place yourself in these blind areas. If you are in doubt as to whether the equipment operator sees you make it your job to assure that he/she knows where you are.

Some Simple Backing Rules to Follow

Backing a vehicle or equipment with an obstructed view:

- Backing rules applies to everyone on the jobsite
- Get out and look
- Circle the vehicle to look for obstacles and people
- Window down
- Radio off
- Use a spotter (s) when necessary or ask a passenger to help guide you
- Beep horn 2 times before backing
- Do not walk or stand in blind areas
- For workers on foot - Do not talk on the phone in work areas
- Do not back blindly