

# SAFETY ALERT



## Working Near Mobile Plant

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### Background

Working near mobile plant is a critical risk, as highlighted by a recent high potential incident. In November an occupied light vehicle was struck by a reversing forwarder. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but under slightly different circumstances, this incident could have been catastrophic.

This incident highlights the importance of compliance with exclusion zones and procedures when working near machinery.

### Control Measures

Always follow these rules when working near mobile plant:

- Obtain radio and/or visual permission from the operator before approaching.
- Never place yourself in the path of mobile plant. The bigger machine has right of way.
- Take every precaution to ensure operators can always see you.
- If you stop or park your light vehicle, announce the location over the radio.
- Identify, communicate and adhere to machinery exclusion zones.

It is critical that we hold ourselves and our workmates accountable for working safely around machinery.