

# Toolbox Talk

Weekly Jobsite Safety Meeting

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## Operator Visibility Around Heavy Equipment

On projects with limited access, and narrow travel corridors, there are frequently instances where it is nearly impossible for an operator to see a person on the ground standing next to the equipment. An operator must always remain patient and cautious, but especially so on these types of projects. Never proceed or use reverse to back into an area without knowing what is there.

Listed below are some of the more common safety practices to help improve operator visibility.

### Before operating at the worksite:

- » Know the locations where personnel commonly work or gather. Understand where the restricted zones are located.
- » Identify traffic hazards, poor road conditions, obstructed intersections and areas where the equipment will be operating in reverse (parking, loading and unloading locations).
- » Use a spotter at all locations where it is impossible for the equipment operator to verify it is safe to proceed. As a reminder, do not operate in a work area if it is not clear of vehicles, other contractors, or obstructions.
- » Ensure personnel in the work area are wearing clearly marked reflective vests.

### Tips for improving operator visibility:

- » Make sure windows are clean and unobstructed.
- » Verify mirrors are clean and in a position to pro-

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vide the best visibility to the ground, to the wheels of the machine, and to other equipment or objects.

- » While sitting in the cab, identify the areas of limited visibility and what level of risk each presents.
- » Ensure the back-up alarms, horns and other audible controls are working.
- » Routinely inspect the condition of windshield wipers and replace when signs of deterioration exist. •