

Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards

Safety Alert: Blind Spots on Construction Equipment



Never Stand in Blind Spots

Blind spots are areas around construction equipment where the operator's view is obstructed. Different vehicles have their own blind spots.

Being able to see the operator does not mean the operator can see you!

Safety Tips

Managers

- Ensure detail officers are trained on hazards associated with roadside work zones.

Contractors

- Review the work zone plan and internal traffic flow with crew and detail officers in a pre-shift briefing.

Traffic Detail Officers

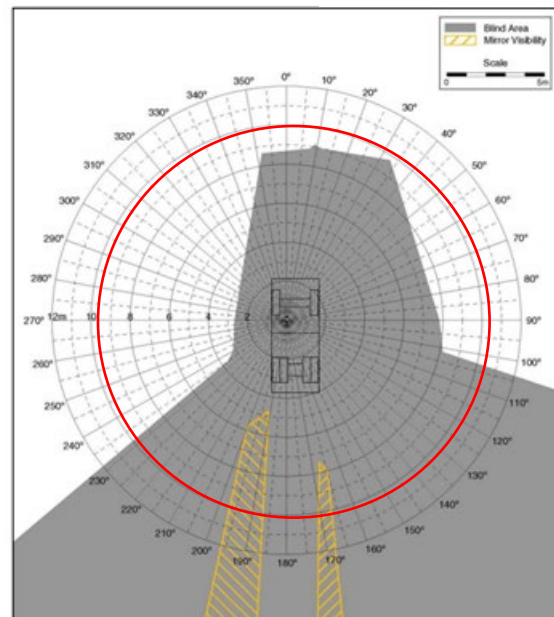
- Position yourself outside the construction work zone.
- Maintain eye contact with equipment operators. Confirm eye contact with hand signals before approaching equipment.

Sample Blind Spot Diagram



A person must be at least 33 feet (10 meters) in front of this dump truck in order to be seen.

A person at the rear of the dump truck will not be seen.



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