



## 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

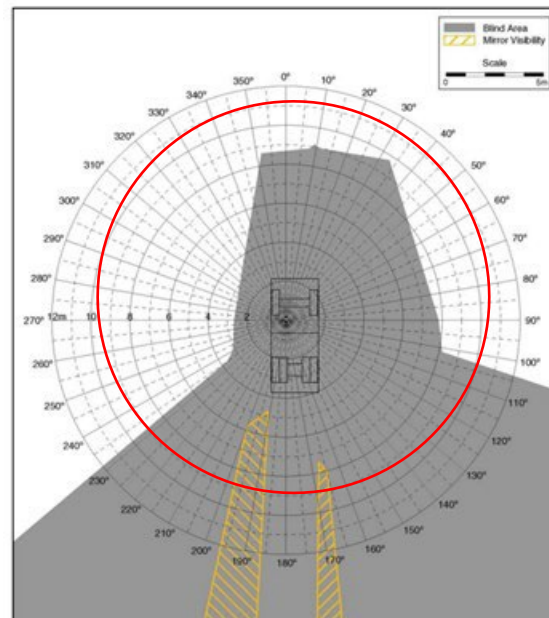
- Position yourself outside the construction work zone.
- Maintain eye contact with equipment operators. Confirm eye contact with hand signals before approaching equipment.

### 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.



The red circle is 33 feet around the truck.

Gray area is not visible to Operator

[Click here for NIOSH Blind Spot Charts for Common Heavy Equipment](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/motor-vehicle/constructionequipmentvisibilitydiagram/) or visit [cdc.gov/niosh/motor-vehicle/constructionequipmentvisibilitydiagram/](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/motor-vehicle/constructionequipmentvisibilitydiagram/)

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