



SPOTTERS

TOOLBOX TALK SERIES – INJURY PREVENTION

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Spotters are the unsung heroes of workplace safety. The sole responsibility of these individuals are to reduce workplace accidents by ensuring areas around vehicles and equipment are clear of hazards.

While spotting may not appear to be a dangerous task, it certainly is. Each year numerous individuals are injured in back-over accidents. By following certain safety precautions we can ensure the safety of spotters and prevent damage to property.



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When do I need a spotter?

Ways to Keep the Spotter Safe

- Never walk behind equipment and spot at the same time. Stand at the desired area and direct the equipment to you.
- Agree on hand signals prior to spotting.
- In the case of vehicles, if you can't see the mirrors, the operator can't see you!
- Review work area for hazards prior to moving any equipment. Remove people, trip hazards and equipment prior to the move.
- Wear proper reflective PPE.
- Operators: IF YOU LOOSE SIGHT OF THE SPOTTER – STOP!