

Prevent Backovers

Backing Incidents

Backing incidents are one of top three causes of incidents at PK. On October 4, 2023 a worker was seriously injured after being caught in between a backing poly detail striper and a stopped vehicle.

The purpose of this tool talk is to safely manage how PK manages the flow of equipment, workers, and to reduce or eliminate backing incidents.

Spotters

Spotters are effective for improving backing safety to keep workers safe from injury. However, spotters can be at risk of injury or death if proper backing techniques are not adhered to. The spotter is the driver's eyes and ears for backing safety and must remain in continuous contact with the driver to ensure the backing path remains clear. Never assume the path is clear. If the driver and spotter lose contact or sight of the others then backing should be stopped immediately. The following Safe Backing Techniques can help keep PK workers safe.

Safe Vehicle Backing Techniques for the Driver:

- Back only when necessary.
- Know where the truck blind spots are in the truck you are backing.
- Scan the area you will be approaching.
- Never assume the area you will be approaching is clear.
- If you must back up; use a Spotter positioned safely out of the backing path, and in the driver's side mirror to maintain visual contact with the spotter at all times.
- Stop backing if you lose sight of or lose contact with the spotter.
- Use the rear-view camera monitor as a third mirror.

Safe Spotter Techniques for Vehicle Backing:

- Back only when necessary.
- Know where the truck blind spots are in the truck that is backing.
- Scan the area that you will be spotting before and continually during backing.
- Never assume the area you are spotting will remain clear.
- Position yourself safely out of the backing path, and maintain visual contact with the driver at all times.
- Stop the driver from backing if you lose sight of or contact with the driver
- Never assume the driver can see you.



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TOOL TALK SAFETY MEETING

TOPIC(S): Preventing Backovers (October 9, 2023)

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ADDITIONAL TOPICS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT TOOL TALK
