

# MOCGA Toolbox Talk

# Excavator Blind Spot



**Introduction:** Blind spots, falling loads, swing radius and loud noise are just a few of the many hazards created by construction equipment. When on the jobsite, employees and operators must stay situationally aware at all times. Know that ALL mobile construction machines present struck-by and caught in-between hazards. Workers can easily be run over by loaders, backhoes, dozers, trucks and scrapers. Review this document with all jobsite employees and machine operators.

## SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ All machines have blind spots.
- ✓ Attachments like buckets, blades, and backhoes all create pinch points and entrapment points.
- ✓ Stay clear of machines that are working.
- ✓ Never walk in-between two machines that are operating in close proximity of each other.
- ✓ Make eye contact and get permission from an operator before entering the immediate work area.
- ✓ New machines can be very quiet as compared to older equipment. Keep situational awareness high when working in close proximity to excavation equipment.

**DO NOT APPROACH WORKING MACHINES UNTIL THE OPERATOR HAS GIVEN VISUAL PERMISSION.**



**MOST CONSTRUCTION MACHINES HAVE LIMITED REAR VISIBILITY.**



**Contact 811 or 1-800-DIG-RITE or log onto [www.mo1call.com](http://www.mo1call.com) to have underground utilities located before beginning excavation!**

**STAY CLEAR OF MACHINE SWING RADIUS.**



**MACHINE ATTACHMENTS CAN FALL OR MOVE CAUSING INJURIES OR DEATH.**



**MAKE SURE BACK UP ALARMS AND ALL LIGHTING WORKS**



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