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Mobile Plant & Equipment

Working around mobile plant and equipment — forklifts, ride-ons, mowers, sweepers, EWP, skid steers — brings high risk. Most incidents happen in congested or shared zones where visibility and communication break down. Stay alert, stay seen, stay separate.

Primary Risks & Hazards to Spot

- Crush or struck-by incidents during operation or reversing.
- Blind spots and poor visibility in tight areas.
- Unauthorised or untrained operation of plant.
- Lack of communication between operators and spotters.
- Maintenance faults or bypassed safety interlocks.
- Pedestrians entering exclusion zones.
- Fatigue or distraction around moving machinery.

Discuss / Share:
Where are your highest pedestrian and vehicle interaction points?
What's your process for confirming exclusion zones before plant starts moving?

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Critical Controls

- Conduct a pre-start check before using any plant or powered equipment.
- Confirm operator competency, licence, and authorisation.
- Establish and mark exclusion zones — pedestrians stay out.
- Maintain line of sight or use a spotter when vision is blocked.
- Never bypass safety systems, seatbelts, alarms or interlocks.
- Switch off plant when unattended; remove keys.
- Report faults, near misses, and unauthorised use immediately.

Discuss / Share:
How do you communicate with operators when entering an active work zone?