





Safe Work Practice BACKHOES

Potential Hazards (Risk Priority HIGH)

- Unintentional contact with persons or objects
- Lack of competency
- High sound levels
- All personnel must ensure they have been appropriately trained by their supervisor.

Required Personal Protective Equipment and Devices

Foot Protection	Hearing Protection	High Visibility	Head Protection	Eye Protection	Face Protection	Hand Protection	Protective Clothing
							

Safe Work Practice

- Read the manufacturer's manual – operators manual before using equipment
- Make sure you understand the instructions before attempting to use the machine
- Make sure the machine is in good repair before you operate it
- Always wear the above noted PPE
- When travelling with the backhoe, the buckets shall be in the lowest height possible to prevent tipping
- Do Not travel without wearing your seatbelt
- Do Not use excessive speed
- When ascending or descending the backhoe, face the steps provided on the machine and use the handrails or hand holds
- The operator shall not permit any person to practice with, or ride on the backhoe unless authorized to do so by the supervisor
- Before digging the stabilizers shall be firm in place
- The operator shall keep his swampier in sight, or know where he is at all times
- **Only competent operators who have been properly trained or certified are permitted to operate the backhoe**

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If an emergency situation occurs while conducting this task, or there is an equipment malfunction, shut the equipment off immediately and follow the lock out procedure.

REPORT ANY HAZARDOUS SITUATION TO YOUR SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY

This must be reviewed any time the task, equipment, or materials change and at minimum, every three years.