

KEYWORDS: HAND SIGNALS ; TRAFFIC; BACKING; VEHICLE**10-15
MINUTES**

Topic: Backing Vehicles



IDEAS FOR YOUR TALK:

- People remember facts better when they're interactive and visual: use Hand tools - Screwdrivers to illustrate or demonstrate your risk statements.
- People remember stories better than raw facts: think of a personal story that you can share.
- People structure thoughts to remember them: think of risks or defects that can occur with each component of Hand tools - Screwdrivers .
- YouTube is another good source of information and offers many safety videos and demonstrations. Select only videos that are high-quality.

EXPLAIN DANGERS:

Every year, workers are killed and injured by backing vehicles and machinery. The main problem is blind spots around heavy equipment. If you're in a blind spot and the operator doesn't know you're there, you could be struck by heavy equipment. The hazards increase in congested areas where vehicles and heavy equipment are backing up all the time. Noise distracts people and dust makes it difficult to see and be seen

DEMONSTRATE:

Show your crew where the blind spots are on a truck or piece of heavy equipment on site. Get them to see things from the operator's perspective.

1. SUGGESTED ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONS:

- Who has used Hand tools - Screwdrivers on this job?
- What is the main risk involved in using Hand tools - Screwdrivers ?
- Has anyone heard of an incident or accident involving Hand tools - Screwdrivers ?

2. TALKING POINTS:

Always make eye contact with the operator before approaching vehicles and equipment. Wave your hand to get their attention and wait for a wave back to ensure the operator has seen you.

- You can plan a drive-through site to limit the need for backing up. But on most projects, trucks and equipment have to operate in reverse at some point. That's when a **signaler** is necessary.
- The signaler is another pair of eyes for the driver. If you're asked to work as a signaler, use traffic control hand signals and follow these tips:



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- Stand where the operator can see you at all times, and where you have a full view of the intended path of travel. But stay out of the vehicle's path.
- Make eye contact with the driver or operator before you signal or change position.

3. CLOSING QUESTIONS

- Do you know hand signals for on-site traffic control?
 - Do you have questions on this subject?
 - Are you aware of a risk on this jobsite that shouldn't be?
- Do not perform any other duties. Signaling requires your full concentration. Know driver and operator blind spots.



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