

SAFETY ALERT

Exclusion zones – blue cones

A worker in the slew zone sustained serious injuries after being struck by an excavator boom due to a faulty lever control arm.



The Department for Infrastructure and Transport's Minimum Construction Safety Expectations requests the following of their Contractors:

The requirement for exclusion zones and methods of delineation must be risk assessed, site rules established, documented and enforced.

□ Where cones are the chosen method of delineation, blue cones must be used.

□ No person shall enter an exclusion zone without a positive signal from the operator and disengagement of the item of plant.

□ There must be positive communication or line of sight with the plant operator and all workers inside an exclusion zone, all activity must immediately stop if communication or line of sight is lost.

□ Worksite layouts must ensure adequate separation of plant and people.

Good Examples of blue cone delineation

