

# SAFETY ALERT

## Plant Reversing Hazards

**People plant interface is one of the highest risk environments for the construction workforce**

**Things to know and do before reversing a vehicle or a piece of plant:**

- Always use a spotter when there is a risk of injury or damage
- Make sure the spotter and driver/ operator both understand what needs to happen. Agree on how they are going to communicate
- The spotter should position themselves where they are out of harm's way but clearly visible to the driver/ operator – Eye contact
- The spotter understands that this is their only job while there is a risk from reversing
- Whenever possible, develop a vehicle movement plan which eliminates the need to reverse
- As a driver/ operator, always check your surroundings before reversing
- Make sure reversing aids such as alarms, cameras and beacons etc. are in good working condition and fit for purpose.



**Critical Risk Activity  
Mobile Plant**

**Critical Control  
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damage**