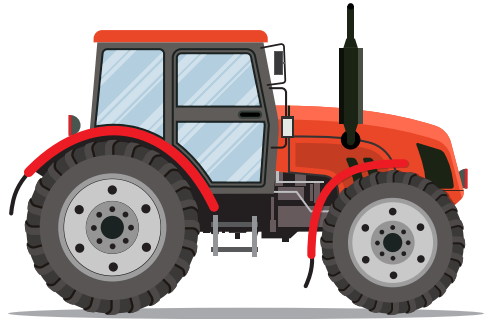


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Reduce the risk of backover incidents by establishing drive-through areas and adequate space to execute a 3-point turn.



Blind spots are typically located directly behind or in front of the vehicle and in front of the rear wheels.

## Operator Safety Checklist

Identify blind spots on all equipment

- Apply reminder decal to windows and doors
- Keep mirrors clean and properly adjusted to minimize blind spots

Maintain awareness of obstacles and bystanders

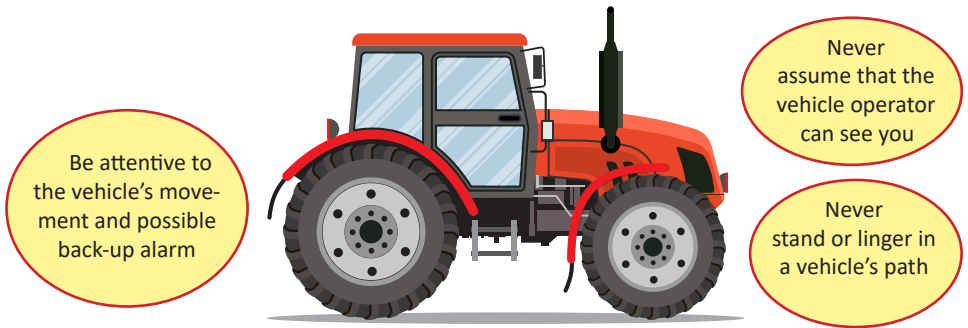
- Stop operating immediately if a bystander leaves your view
- Do not use phone or other distractions while operating equipment

Communicate with bystanders before starting equipment

- Make regular eye contact with bystanders
- Use agreed upon hand signals with bystanders

# Beware of Blind Spots When You're the Bystander

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Be attentive to the vehicle's movement and possible back-up alarm

Never assume that the vehicle operator can see you

Never stand or linger in a vehicle's path

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## Bystander Safety Checklist

Identify blind spots on all equipment

- Always stand where you can see the vehicle's mirrors
- Inform other bystanders when vehicles are approaching

Maintain awareness of equipment and operator

- Never move between a moving vehicle and equipment that is hitched or being towed
- Do not use phone or other distractions while standing or working near equipment

Communicate with operators before equipment is started

- Make regular eye contact with operators
- Use agreed upon hand signals with operators

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