



Expectations for Spotting - DATE 07/07/25 – 07/12/25

As a Brieser employee, an argument can be made that our primary hazard exposure is working around moving equipment. Not only are we at risk, but also those from other companies who are working close to us. We know this, we train for it, and we discuss it (hopefully!!) during our pre job briefs. What can we do to prevent complacency, assumption, and to keep not only Brieser employees, but others around us safe from the dangers that working around moving equipment exposes us too?

- Talk about it and execute it. Do not just say “use a spotter,” dedicate responsibility, and the responsible party should communicate how they are going to spot. Discuss at the job site and get into detail about where to stand, communication process with the operator or truck driver, and set up an exclusion zone if needed. Foreman, set that expectation during the discussion and check in later to make sure that the plan is in place and working.
- Trucks, excavators (any size), skid steers, six wheelers, semis, concrete trucks, lulls, lifts.... The list goes on. If the equipment can hit you and can be expected to cause injury, death, or property damage, a spotter should be used. DO NOT ASSUME all is clear, all it takes is a split second for someone else to walk by or the operator/driver to be focused on something else and someone’s life is negatively altered forever.
- Keep others away. When witnessing someone that should not be in that area, stop them and politely tell them it is dangerous to be where they are (this could be someone in your crew, just because they are part of your team does not mean they have a free pass from being struck!) Be able to communicate to the operator/driver to stop until all is clear. Sometimes being a spotter is not just to watch the equipment, but to watch for those who may unknowingly wander into that work zone.
- Set expectations with operators/ drivers that if they lose contact with the spotter, or do not have a spotter when one should be being utilized, then they should stop until contact is resumed and a spotter is in place.

Having a plan, discussing it with all parties involved in detail, and executing that plan will help put you, your crew, and others on a successful path for working around moving equipment.





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