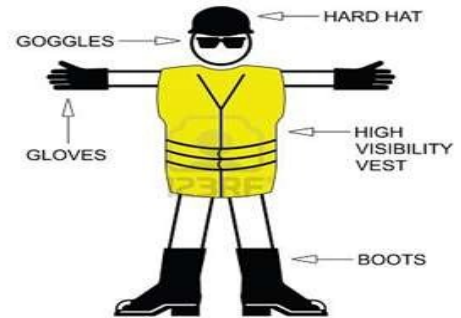


Crushed By Construction Equipment

Many of the fatalities and injuries in construction occur from working around construction equipment. OSHA has identified “crushed by” hazards as one of the four leading causes of construction fatalities.

- When backup alarms are being used constantly it is easy for you to tune the sound out. Always listen consciously for backup alarms.



The following is a list of safety precautions:

- It's very difficult for operators to see and hear while working their equipment. Don't count on them to protect you. Protect yourself
- When working with an equipment operator, maintain contact with hand signals or two-way radio.



- Make sure the operator can see you. If you have to be out of the operator's field of view for any period of time, communicate with them first. Be sure, in your own mind that the operator knows exactly where you will be.
- While working, be alert for problems that could occur with the equipment, like the backhoe that slipped into the trench, killing the worker. Make sure you always leave yourself a way out.

- Be especially alert when any construction equipment is nearby
- Remember the operators of equipment being used by other trades may not know you are working in the area. Let them know that you are working in the area and tell them exactly where you will be.

