

## Working Around Dumpers

A recent incident at one of our Highways project has highlighted the need to ensure all our people are aware of the risk of working around mobile plant, especially dumpers. Even unloaded the operators vision is obstructed by the dumper skip, when loaded this could be further impaired, and it can be as much as 5m from the front before obstructions or people can be seen .

**Pedestrians** – do not assume that because you can see the driver that he has seen you, there may be sunlight or other distractions or you may have moved to an area behind the skip or Load.

**Do not put yourself in a Danger Zone**

**Drivers** – be aware of your surroundings, do not assume that because you can't see a member of your team that they have left the area.

Do not fill the skip above the side panels

**Always check the perimeter of the dumper before getting back into the driving seat, and recheck before moving off.**



When being loaded dumpers should be switched off, the keys removed and the driver on the ground in a safe position.

### Learning

- Dumpers can have blind spots, know where they are
- Never place yourself in front of a moving dumper or one with its engine running
- Remember the Safe Working around Mobile Plant Protocol and use it at all times
- Be aware of where your work mates are, do not assume that they have left the area.

### Actions

- Rebrief the Safe Working around Mobile Plant TBT
- Consider a “what the driver can see” session for all persons on site.
- Follow the guidance on use of dumpers in HA Raising The Bar B1 Plant including
- 1m by 1m visibility all round and use of cameras / VCAS if mirrors can't achieve this..
- Segregate plant from people where possible if this can't be achieved additional aids/controls should be implemented.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this bulletin please contact in first instance your business SHEQ Team Leader