

Toolbox Talk

Plant

On some WRG sites you will come across plant. Plant can be dangerous on a site and all volunteers should be aware of the dangers. All plant must be operated by a trained competent person

- People can be struck and injured by moving parts of machinery or ejected material. Parts of the body can also be drawn in or trapped between rollers, belts and pulley drives.
- Sharp edges can cause cuts and severing injuries.
- People can be crushed, both between parts moving together or towards a fixed part of the machine.
- Parts of the machine, materials and emissions (such as steam or water) can be hot or cold enough to cause burns or scalds and electricity can cause electrical shock and burns.
- Injuries can also occur due to machinery becoming unreliable and developing faults or when machines are used improperly through inexperience or lack of training.

Before you start working:

- Carry your driver authorisation card for inspection.
- Carry out plant inspection pre-use checks.
- Check that the machine has been correctly maintained and is in good working order and doesn't have anything missing such as safety features.
- Do you have the right machine for the job? Look at the job specification and what needs to be done. If in doubt don't use the machine.

Working around plant:

- Avoid working in the machine blind spot.
- When working near plant make sure the operator is aware of your presence.
- Wear hi-viz clothing.
- Don't pass a machine until the operator has stopped and isolated the machine and indicated that it is safe to pass.
- Don't position yourself between the machine and a structure.

Key Points:

- Only authorised operators are to operate plant.
- Always carry out pre-use checks.
- Wear Hi-viz clothing.
- Avoid blind spots.
- Make sure the operator is aware of your presence.
- Make sure the machine is stopped and isolated before passing.

