

GOOD PRACTICE INFORMATION



Thumbs Up

Problem:

Across BFK sites, some machinery has to operate in restricted spaces, leaving little room for operatives to approach or pass the machine. This increases the risk of being struck by the machine.

Solution:

BFK have introduced new signage to be displayed on the back of all 360° excavators (see pictures to the right). The signs remind operators of the importance of making eye contact with the driver and receiving a 'thumbs up' acknowledgement from them before approaching or passing the machine.

In addition, a notice has been placed in the cab of each machine, this reminds the driver that they must ground the bucket and apply the dead man handle before giving the thumbs up to the operative, displaying that it is safe to pass.

Due to the multi-lingual nature of the workforce; the warning sign has been produced in both a pictorial and text form and the notice in the cab has been produced with text shown in both English and Spanish, see below

Advantages:

- Reduces risk of getting struck by an excavator
- Signage displayed in both English and Spanish for multi-lingual operatives
- Alternative method of communication in a noisy environment
- Signs remind drivers of safe process

