

AGC Tool Box Safety Talk

BACKING VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

INTRODUCTION

1. Review any accidents or “near accidents” from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the SAFE way of doing the job.
3. Give the TOOL BOX SAFETY TALK

Every year there are many accidents resulting in injury and damage due to carelessness when backing vehicles. Incidents involving backing vehicles are not uncommon among worker-on-foot fatalities. Backing accidents are preventable. Whether you are a driver or a pedestrian, always stay alert to what is going on around you.

- When backing up, make sure you have an unobstructed view. Visibility is all-important to safely completing the maneuver. If you do not have an unobstructed view, use a flag person.
- Keep the windows clean and remove obstructions from your sight line.
- Ensure that your intended path is clear.
- Back up slowly. It’s easier to control a vehicle when moving at a speed of less than 3 mph.
- Pay extra attention to blind spots. Adjust mirrors to eliminate blind spots before you start the engine.
- If you are a pedestrian, never position yourself between moving and fixed objects.
- Wear high-visibility clothes near equipment and vehicles.
- Make sure back-up alarms are operating.

