



QRS SAFETY ALERT

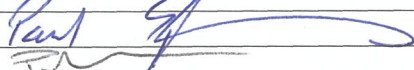

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Excavator Operational Safety

QRS recognises that operating an excavator poses risks to the operator and other staff at the worksite. Given the diverse work situations that require an excavator QRS recommends the following safety protocols:

- Only current licensed and competent operators to operate an excavator on QRS worksites.
- Prior to commencing a task undertake a plant pre-start and record findings on QRS pre-start form.
- Never attempt to operate the excavator unless you are sitting in the seat and in full control.
- Always wear a seat belt when operating the excavator.
- Travel directly up slopes vertically instead of diagonally.
- When propelling up slopes, the boom and the arm should be extended with the bucket carried low and rolled out. This will allow you to drop the bucket and prevent the equipment from sliding if necessary.
- When propelling down a slope, the bucket bottom should be low and parallel to the ground.
- When loading trucks, never swing the excavator bucket by the truck cab. By swinging over the rear of the truck, any loose materials will fall on the ground or in the bed, rather than on the cab.
- It is QRS's preference when operating an excavator on QRS worksites the cab door is closed, exceptions will be made if there has been a risk assessment undertaken and controls implemented to mitigate risk of harm.
- During an emergency event such as slips and/or landslides and an excavator is used, an experienced spotter must be used to monitor any possible slip movement.

Please read, print this Safety Alert and discuss with staff at your daily tailgate meeting and at weekly shed meeting

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