

Talk Led By: _____

Date: _____

Site/Location: _____

Time: _____

Weather Report/Conditions:

_____ High: _____ °C Wind Speed: _____ km/hr
_____ Low: _____ °C Wind Gusts: _____ km/hr

Approaching Equipment Safely

Run overs continue to be a leading cause of death on farms. Sometimes it is necessary to approach working equipment, however, it is dangerous and needs to be done in a safe way. The following list provides some practices that will help to ensure equipment is being approached in a safe manner.

- Always keep a safe distance away from the equipment.
- Only approach equipment if eye contact has been made with the operator and they have given you a clear signal (e.g., wave) to proceed.
- Walk cautiously on unstable ground; you don't want to slip or trip and fall near working equipment as you will be less likely to be seen.
- Wear high visibility clothing, such as a vest; it will help make you easier to spot, especially in low light situations.
- Never assume you have been seen by the operator or approach without a clear signal to do so.
- Once given the signal to approach by the equipment operator, it is still important to stay out of blind spots.
- Using radios or hand signals can be effective ways to communicate without having to approach equipment at all.



Using radios, headsets, or hand signals can be effective ways to communicate with an equipment operator and eliminate the need to approach equipment



