

Operator's Manual

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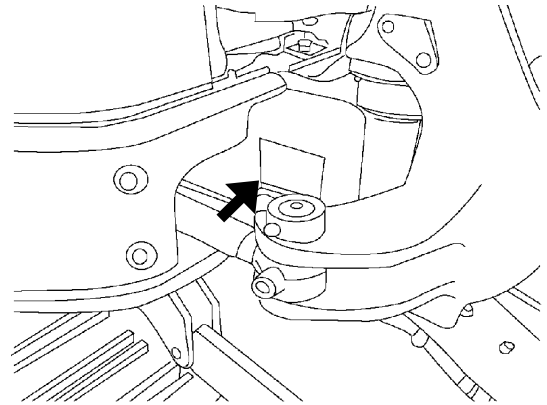
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MACHINE

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PRODUCT
IDENTIFICATION
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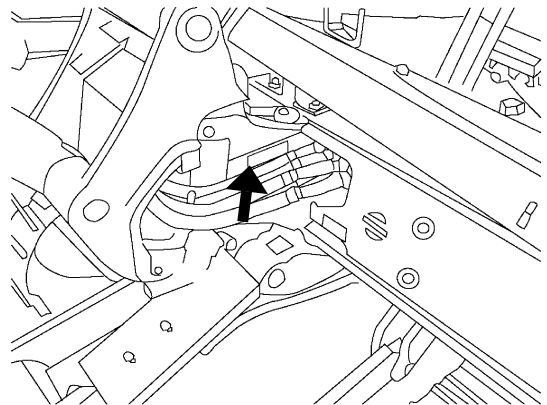
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RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION

- These are the **SAFETY ALERT SYMBOLS**.
 - When you see these symbols on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.
 - Follow recommended precautions and safe operating practices.



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UNDERSTAND SIGNAL WORDS

- On machine safety signs, signal words designating the degree or level of hazard - **DANGER**, **WARNING**, or **CAUTION** - are used with the safety alert symbol.
 - **DANGER** indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
 - **WARNING** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
 - **CAUTION** indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.
 - **DANGER** or **WARNING** safety signs are located near specific hazards. General precautions are listed on **CAUTION** safety signs.
 - Some safety signs don't use any of the designated signal words above after the safety alert symbol are occasionally used on this machine.
- **CAUTION** also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.
- To avoid confusing machine protection with personal safety messages, a signal word **IMPORTANT** indicates a situation which, if not avoided, could result in damage to the machine.
-  **NOTE** indicates an additional explanation for an element of information.



IMPORTANT

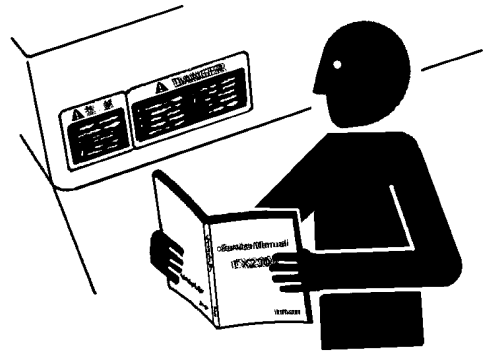


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FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Carefully read and follow all safety signs on the machine as well as all safety messages in this manual.
- Safety signs must be installed, maintained and replaced if damaged.
 - If a safety sign or this manual is damaged or missing, order a replacement from your nearest Hitachi dealer in the same way you order other replacement parts (be sure to state machine model and serial number when ordering).
- Allow only properly trained, qualified, authorized personnel to operate the machine.
- Learn how to correctly operate and service the machine.
- Keep your machine in proper working condition.
- Always operate the machine within the specification.
 - Unauthorized modifications of the machine may impair the functions and/or safety and affect machine life and the warranty will become void.
- The safety messages in this SAFETY chapter are intended to illustrate basic safety procedures of machines. However it is impossible for these safety messages to cover every possible hazardous situation you may encounter. If you have any questions concerning safety, you should first consult your supervisor and/or your nearest Hitachi dealer before operating or performing maintenance work on the machine.



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PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

- Be prepared if a fire starts or if an accident occurs.
 - Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher on hand.
 - Thoroughly read and understand the label attached on the fire extinguisher and use it properly.
 - To ensure that a fire-extinguisher can be always used when necessary, check and service the fire-extinguisher at the recommended intervals as specified in the fire-extinguisher manual.
 - Establish emergency procedure guidelines to cope with any fire or accidents which may occur.
 - Keep emergency numbers for doctors, ambulance service, hospitals, and fire department posted near your telephone.



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WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

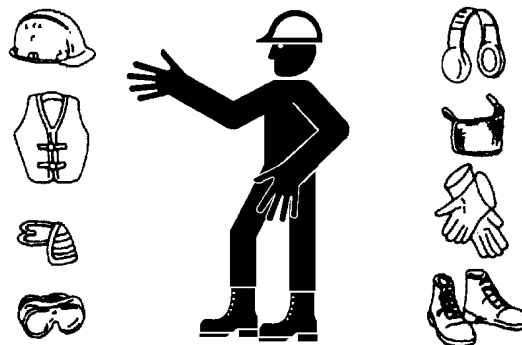
- Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate to the job.

You may need:

- A hard hat
- Safety belt
- Safety shoes
- Safety glasses, goggles, or face shield
- Heavy gloves
- Hearing protection
- Reflective clothing
- Wet weather gear
- Respirator or filter mask.

Be sure to wear the correct equipment and clothing for the job. Do not take any chances.

- Avoid wearing loose clothing, jewelry, or other items that can catch on control levers or other parts of the machine.
- Operating equipment safely requires the full attention of the operator.
- Do not wear radio or music headphones while operating the machine.



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PROTECT AGAINST NOISE

- Prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing.
- Wear a suitable hearing protective device such as earmuffs or earplugs to protect against objectionable or uncomfortably loud noises.



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INSPECT MACHINE DAILY

- If any abnormality is found, be sure to repair it immediately before operating the machine.
- In the walk-around inspection, be sure to cover all points described in the “PRE-START INSPECTION” chapter in the operator’s manual.



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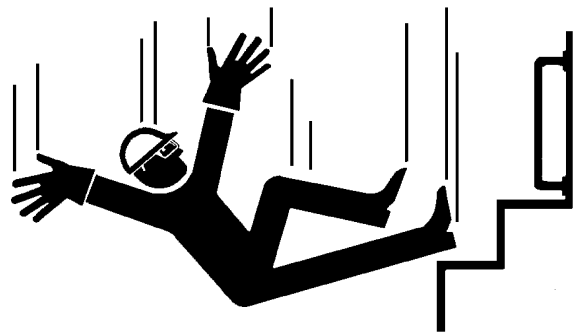
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TIDY UP INSIDE CAB

- Always keep inside the cab clean by observing instructions below, to prevent any personal accidents from occurring.
- Remove mud and/or oily material from the shoe soles before entering the cab. If pedals are operated without removing mud or oily matter, the foot may slip off the pedal, possibly creating a hazardous situation.
- Do not leave parts and/or tools around the operator's seat.
- Do not keep a transparent water bottle in the cab. The transparent water bottle may concentrate the sun light like a lens, possibly causing a fire.
- Do not wear radio or music headphones and do not use a cell phone while traveling or operating the machine.
- Never allow hazardous materials such as combustible and/or explosive material in the cab.
- Do not leave a lighter in the cab. If the temperature in the cab increases, the lighter may explode.

USE HANDHOLDS AND STEPS

- Falling is one of the major causes of personal injury.
 - When you get on and off the machine, always face the machine.
 - Maintain a three-point contact with the steps and handrails.
 - Do not use any controls as handholds.
 - Never jump on or off the machine. Never mount or dismount a moving machine.
 - In case adhered slippery material such as oil, grease, or mud is present on steps, handrails, or platforms, thoroughly remove such material.



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ADJUST THE OPERATOR'S SEAT

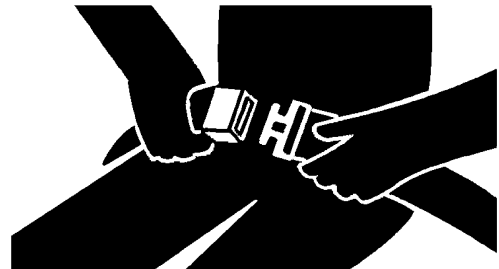
- A poorly adjusted seat for either the operator or for the work at hand may quickly fatigue the operator leading to mis-operation of the machine.
- The seat should be adjusted whenever the operator for the machine changes.
- The operator should be able to fully depress the pedals and to correctly operate the control levers with his back firmly against the seat back.
- If not, readjust the seat forward or backward, and check again.



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FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELT

- If the machine should overturn, the operator may become injured and/or thrown from the cab. Additionally the operator may be crushed by the overturning machine, resulting in serious injury or death.
- Be sure to remain seated with the seat belt securely fastened whenever operating the machine.
- Prior to operating the machine, thoroughly examine webbing, buckle and attaching hardware. If any item is damaged or worn, replace the seat belt or component before operating the machine. Replace the seat belt at least once every 3 years regardless of appearance

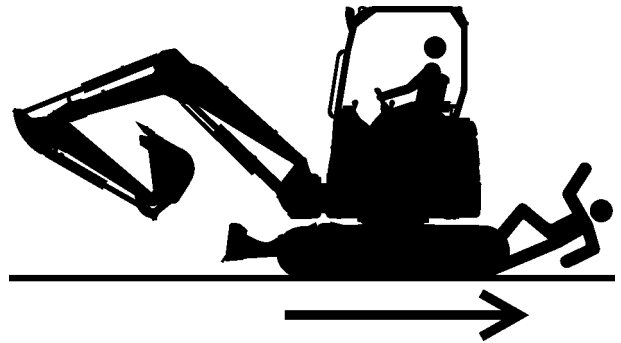


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MOVE AND OPERATE MACHINE SAFELY

- Always be aware that there is a potential danger around the machine while operating the machine.
- Take extra care not to run over bystanders. Confirm the location of bystanders before moving, swinging, or operating the machine.
- Always keep the travel alarm and horn in working condition (if equipped).
- Before starting to move or operate the machine, sound the travel alarm and horn to alert bystanders.
- Use a signal person when moving, swinging, or operating the machine in congested areas. Locate the signal person so that the operator can always witness the signal person.
- Coordinate the meanings of all safety signs, hand signals and marks before starting the machine. Appoint a person who is responsible to make a signal and/or guidance.
- Never allow any persons or obstacles to enter the machine operation areas.
- Use appropriate illuminations.



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OPERATE ONLY FROM OPERATOR'S SEAT

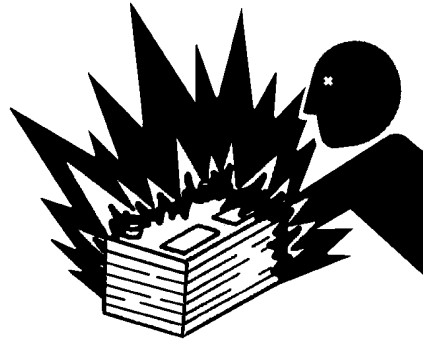
- Inappropriate engine starting procedures may cause the machine to runaway, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.
- Start the engine only when seated in the operator's seat.
- NEVER start the engine while standing on the tracks or on ground.
- Do not start engine by shorting across starter terminals. A hazardous situation may be created and/or possible damage to the machine may result.
- Before starting the engine, confirm that all control levers are in neutral.



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JUMP STARTING

- Failure to follow correct jump starting procedures could result in a battery explosion or a runaway machine.
- If the engine must be jump started, be sure to follow the instructions shown in the "OPERATING THE ENGINE" chapter.
- The operator must be seated in the operator's seat so that the machine will be under control when the engine starts. Jump starting is a two-person operation.
- Never use a frozen battery.
- Failure to follow correct jump starting procedures could result in a battery explosion or a runaway machine.



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KEEP RIDERS OFF MACHINE

- Riders on machine are subject to injury such as being struck by foreign objects and being thrown off the machine.
- Riders also obstruct the operator's view, resulting in the machine being operated in an unsafe manner.
- Only allow the operator is allowed on the machine. Keep riders off.

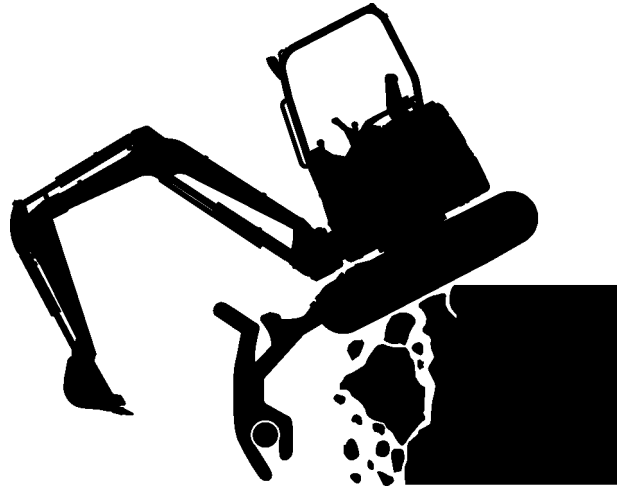


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INVESTIGATE JOB SITE BEFOREHAND

- When working at the edge of an excavation or on a road shoulder, the machine could tip over due to collapse of the ground, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.
- Investigate the configuration and ground conditions of the job site beforehand to prevent the machine from falling and to prevent the ground, stockpiles, or banks from collapsing.
- Make a work plan. Use machines appropriate to the work and job site.
- Reinforce ground, edges, and road shoulders as necessary. Keep the machine well back from the edges of excavations and road shoulders.
- When working on an incline or on a road shoulder, employ a signal person as required.
- Never allow bystanders to enter the working area such as swing radius or traveling range.
- Confirm that your machine is equipped a FOPS cab before working in areas where the possibility of falling stones or debris exist.
- When the footing is weak, reinforce the ground before starting work.
- When working on frozen ground, be extremely alert. As ambient temperatures rise, footing may become loose and slippery.
- When operating the machine near open flame, sparks, and/or dead grass, a fire may easily break out. Use special care not to cause a fire.



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PROVIDE SIGNALS FOR JOBS INVOLVING MULTIPLE NUMBERS OF MACHINES

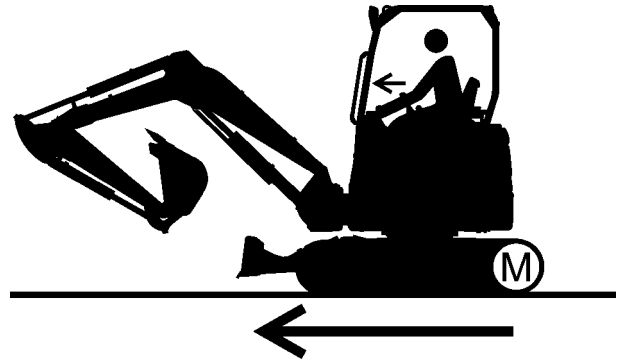
- In case more than one machine is operated in the same job site, accidental collision between machines may cause serious injury or death.
- For jobs involving multiple numbers of machines, provide signals commonly known by all personnel involved. Also, appoint a signal person to coordinate the job site. Make sure that all personnel obey the signal person's directions.



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CONFIRM DIRECTION OF MACHINE TO BE DRIVEN

- Incorrect travel pedal/lever operation may result in serious injury death.
 - Before driving the machine, confirm the position of the undercarriage in relation to the operator's position.
 - If the travel motors are located towards the front of the cab, the machine will move in the reverse direction when travel pedals/levers are operated.

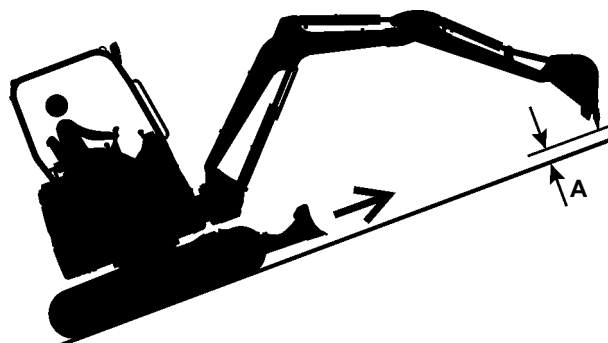


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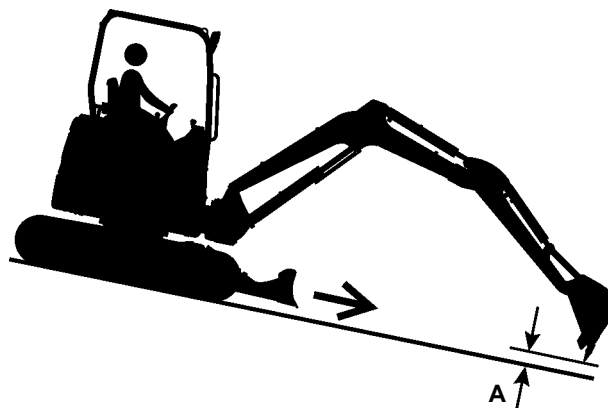
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DRIVE MACHINE SAFELY

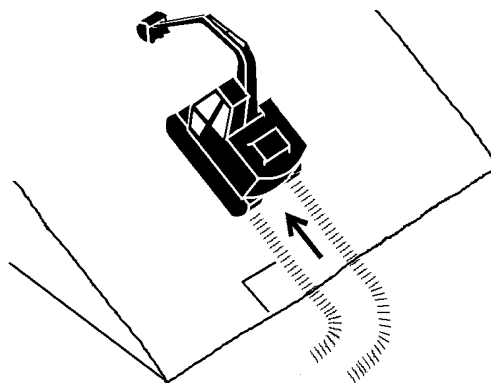
- Driving the machine in the incorrect direction may result in serious injury or death and/or severe damage to property.
- Before moving the machine, confirm which way to move travel pedals/levers for the corresponding direction you wish to travel.
 - Avoid passing over any obstructions. Failure to do so may cause soil, rock fragments and/or metal pieces to be scattered around the machine. Keep bystanders away from the machine.
- Traveling on a grade may cause the machine to slip or to overturn, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.
 - When traveling up or down a grade, keep the bucket in the direction of travel, approximately 200 to 300 mm (8 to 12 in) (A) above the ground so that lowering the bucket onto the ground can quickly stop the machine.
 - If machine starts to skid or becomes unstable, lower the bucket immediately.
- Traveling across the face of slope or steering on a slope may cause the machine to skid or to turnover. If the direction must be changed on a slope, first move the machine to level ground, then, change the traveling direction to ensure safe operation.



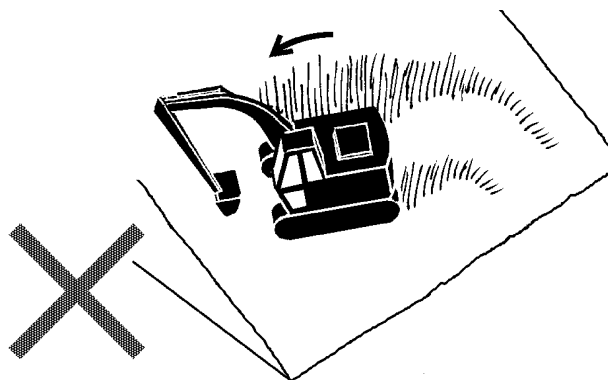
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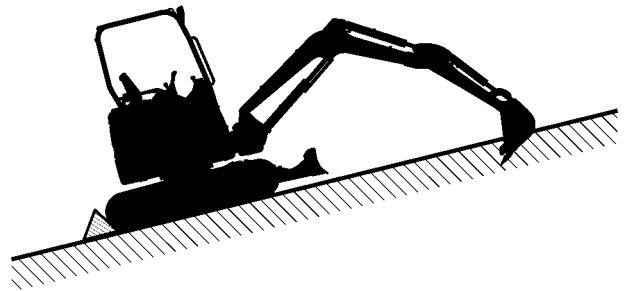


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AVOID INJURY FROM ROLLAWAY ACCIDENTS

- Death or serious injury may result if you attempt to mount or try to bodily stop a moving machine.
- Park the machine in compliance with the safe parking procedures described on page S-15 to prevent the machine from running away.
 - Block both tracks and lower the bucket to the ground, thrust the bucket teeth into the ground if you must park on a grade.
 - Park a reasonable distance from other machines.



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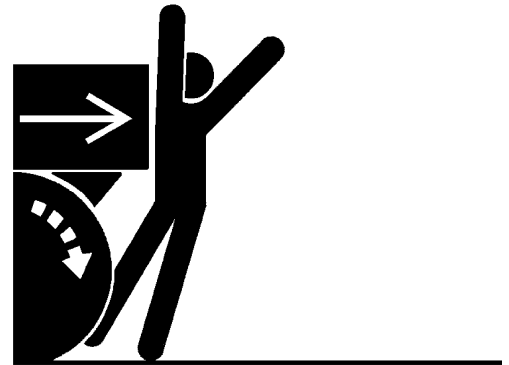
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AVOID INJURY FROM BACK-OVER AND SWING ACCIDENTS

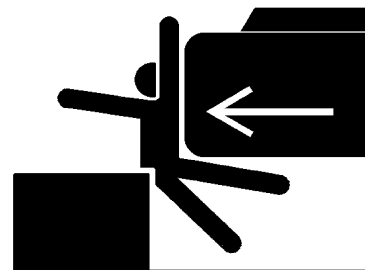
- If any person is present near the machine when backing or swinging the upperstructure, the machine may hit or run over that person, resulting in serious injury or death.

To avoid back-over and swing accidents:

- Always look around **BEFORE YOU BACK UP AND SWING THE MACHINE**. BE SURE THAT ALL BYSTANDERS ARE CLEAR.
- Keep the travel alarm in working condition (if equipped). ALWAYS BE ALERT FOR BYSTANDERS MOVING INTO THE WORK AREA. USE THE HORN OR OTHER SIGNAL TO WARN BYSTANDERS BEFORE MOVING MACHINE.
- USE A SIGNAL PERSON WHEN BACKING UP IF YOUR VIEW IS OBSTRUCTED. ALWAYS KEEP THE SIGNAL PERSON IN VIEW. Use hand signals, which conform to your local regulations, when work conditions require a signal person.
- No machine motions shall be made unless signals are clearly understood by both signalman and operator.
- Learn the meanings of all flags, signs, and markings used on the job and confirm who has the responsibility for signaling.
- Keep windows, mirrors, and lights clean and in good condition.
- Dust, heavy rain, fog, etc., can reduce visibility. As visibility decreases, reduce speed and use proper lighting.
- Read and understand all operating instructions in the operator's manual.



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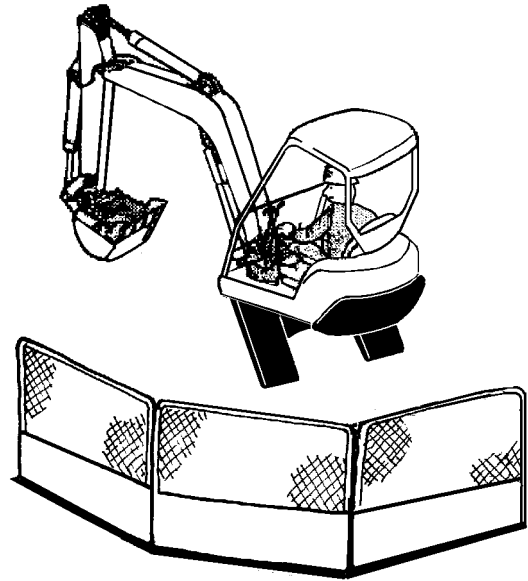
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SAFETY

KEEP PERSONNEL CLEAR FROM WORKING AREA

- If a person is present near the operating machine, the person may come in contact with the swinging front attachment or counterweight and/or may be crushed against an other object, resulting in serious injury or death.
- Before operating the machine, set up barriers to the sides and rear area of the bucket swing radius to prevent anyone from entering the work area.
- Make sure that no personnel other than the signal person or no obstacles are present in the working area before operating the machine.



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NEVER POSITION BUCKET OVER ANYONE

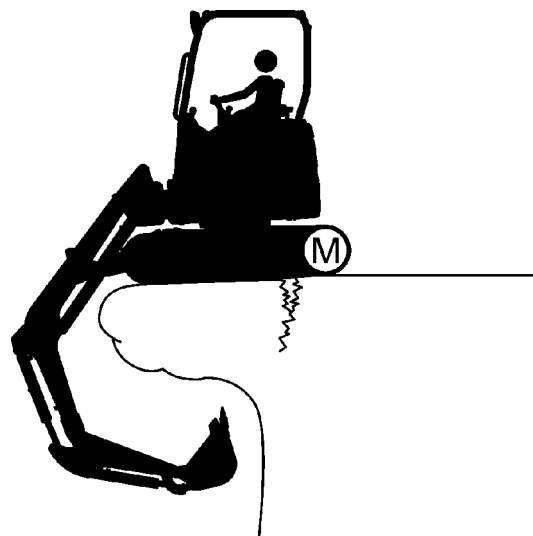
- Never lift, move, or swing bucket above anyone or a truck cab. Serious injury or machine damage may result due to bucket load spill or due to collision with the bucket.
- Never allow the bucket to pass over anyone to avoid personal injury or death.



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AVOID UNDERCUTTING

- In order to retreat from the edge of an excavation if the footing should collapse, always position the undercarriage perpendicular to the edge of the excavation with the travel motors at the rear.
- If the footing starts to collapse and if retreat is not possible, do not panic raise the front attachment with a panic. Lowering the front attachment may be safer in most cases.



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