

Safety Bulletin No.	2019 09	Date Issued	14/05/2019
Subject	Safety when working near machinery		
Area of Concern	Persons not wearing hard hats when working near earthmoving machinery		
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Introduction

Due to the recent fatality involving a worker in Darwin that was working near an excavator bucket and due to the fact, recently witnessed operators working near machinery buckets without wearing a hard hat we have prepared this bulletin as a machinery safety alert.

This safety bulletin has been issued to advise staff, contractors and tenants that working near earthmoving machinery can be very dangerous. Even the best machine operators may have trouble in preventing unwanted sideways or up and down movements. For this reason, machine operators must always ensure Spotters / Offsiders:

- Stay at least 1-2 metres clear of the outer swing radius of the bucket when the machine is being used,
- Remain in clear vision & contact with the operator whilst the machine is in operation,
- Wear a hard hat when working within 3m of the operating radius of the machine,
- Have checked bucket locking pins are in position prior to moving the bucket,
- Have access to and adhere to machinery operational safety instructions.



Worker near operating digger bucket not wearing a hard hat

Action

- All airport stakeholders must ensure their machinery operators are made aware of and adhere to this Safety Bulletin.
- Any operators working on airport land that are not adhering to this bulletin must be stopped from working until compliance is achieved and must be reported to the WHS Advisor.

Let's work together to keep our airport safe.

THINK SAFELY, ACT SAFELY