



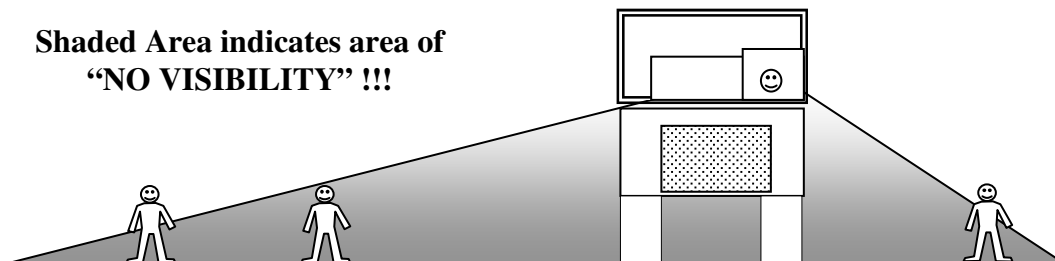
Safety Alert

Hazard Alert: Blind-Spots around Earthmoving Equipment

Numerous near misses, personnel injuries, equipment damage and fatalities have occurred as the result of mineworkers driving light vehicles in to 'live' mining areas and then being run over and crushed by the heavy mining equipment.

Main root causes for these accidents usually include not providing prior confirmed notification to ROM Control and/or the specific mining equipment operators, and **then parking their vehicles or working in the 'blind spot'** that exist around all earthmover equipment.

Zones of limited sideways visibility are illustrated in the sketch below (**not to scale!**). Fore and aft visibility is equally affected (not shown).



Therefore, before entering any mining area where equipment is operating, ensure the following points are met:

- The vehicle you are travelling in is fitted with the correct site required safety equipment: as a minimum all Klinge group vehicles are to be equipped with a "whip aerial" with flag, a rotating flashing beacon and a serviceable site 2-way radio, either installed or "Hand Held"
- The light vehicle driver has requested permission from ROM control and or the specific mining vehicles to enter the area
- ROM control and or the specific mining equipment has acknowledged the light vehicles presence and agreed to the drivers plan to approach or enter into the area.
- Do not park or work in the 'blind spot' of any mining equipment
- Only park in designated or safe areas
- Wear high visibility clothing when outside of the vehicle which is transporting you, ensure all PPE specific to the site you are on is worn at all times, no exceptions.

Discuss this alert regularly and during safety meetings
Return home safe again today.

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