### Safe Work Essentials – Driving and Mobile Plant Standard

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To ensure vehicles and mobile plant are only operated by those deemed competent and risks arising from their operation are controlled through adequate job planning, regular inspection and maintenance schedules.

The Safe Work Essentials Standard elements below, document the minimum requirements that must be in place for all mobile plant and vehicles used for Programmed operations.

### System & Procedural Requirements

* Risks are considered for all company owned, leased or hired vehicles and mobile plant prior to purchase/lease/hire as part of the procurement process.
* There is a scheduled inspection and maintenance program in place for all vehicles and mobile plant that aligns with manufactures specifications.
* All mobile plant is subject to a documented pre-operation check specific to that plant type.
* Heavy vehicle operations comply with regional/national requirements regarding fatigue management and chain of responsibility.
* All vehicles have appropriate load restraint systems and the loading of all vehicles complies with jurisdictional load restraint guidelines.
* Traffic management requirements are considered during the planning of works and required measures implemented to ensure safe access and interaction of mobile plant and pedestrians.
* There are processes in place to ensure the handling of mobile phones and other distractive devices is managed while operating plant or vehicles.
* Where mobile plant is used for high risk activities, risk assessments will consider;
	+ The potential for plant to contact overhead and underground hazards
	+ The potential for plant to Interact with building and crush hazards
	+ Weather and other environmental factors that may influence working conditions
	+ The selection and use of plant with similar operating controls
	+ Safe access and egress to plant
	+ Potential interaction with other workers and members of the public
	+ The selection of appropriate barricading and/or demarcation of the work site
	+ Control of access for high density work areas

### Plant & Equipment Requirements

* Mobile plant is only used for its designed purpose and operated within the safe operating limits as outlined by manufactures specifications.
* There are processes in place to identify vehicle and mobile plant faults and ensure faults are rectified before being returned to service.
* There are clear operating instructions available for mobile plant identifying critical safety features.
* Mobile plant items have a combination of operator protection devices fitted to minimise fall and crush risks associated with plant overturning.
* All hired plant is sourced from a preferred or reputable supplier, evidenced by logbooks and/or other indicators of maintenance.
* Chemicals are appropriately stored and transported in accordance with jurisdictional and transport regulations.

### People Requirements

* Operators / drivers are licensed, competent and authorised to operate vehicles and mobile plant.
* Operators/drivers are fit for work and not impaired by drugs or alcohol.
* Operators / drivers comply with road and site rules, company and customer policies, and take into account prevailing conditions displaying safe driving behaviours at all times.