

MUST DO'S FOR A BACKING SPOTTER

✓ Choose a Safe, Visible Position

- Position yourself far enough away from the vehicle to avoid risk, but close enough for clear communication.
- Ensure you have a clear emergency escape path.
- At night or in poor lighting, use flashlights, wands, or illuminated paddles.

✓ Maintain Constant Visual Contact

- Stand where the operator can always see you, usually in the driver's side mirror.
- If the operator loses sight of you at any time, they must stop Immediately, and remain stopped until visual contact is established.
- Do not walk behind the vehicle or into blind spots.

✓ Stay Alert and Focused

- Do not look away, use your phone, talk to others, or multitask.
- Continually scan for pedestrians, obstacles, overhead hazards, uneven ground, or changing conditions.
- Stop the operator immediately if anything becomes unsafe.

✓ Control the Environment

- Ensure the backing walking path is clear before giving the go-ahead.
- Remove hazards like debris, tools, low-hanging wires, or vehicles.
- Stop traffic or bystanders from entering the area.

✓ Give Clear, Confident Instructions

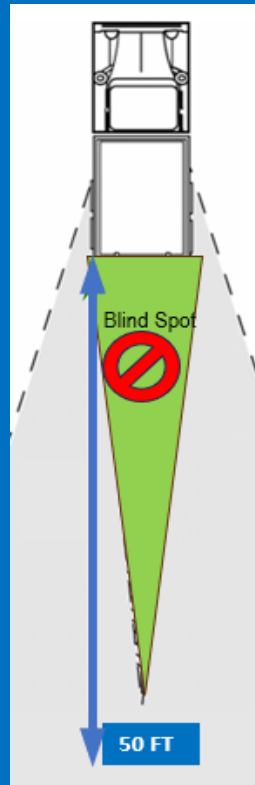
- Signal slowly and deliberately.
- Use "STOP" immediately when something is unclear or dangerous.
- Never guess or assume—if unsure, stop the vehicle.

✓ Maintain a Safe Distance

- Stay at least one vehicle length away.
- Never stand between the vehicle and another object.
- Never ride on the outside of equipment or walk backwards while spotting.

✓ Stop the Operation If Conditions Change

- Weather, lighting, noise, or ground conditions can require a reset.
- If new people enter the area, stop and re-establish control.



BACK SLOWLY



Face palms in direction of desired travel. Bend both arms repeatedly toward head and chest and then extend.

DISTANCE TO STOP



Face palms forward, with hands above head. Bring elbows forward and hands together showing distance to stop.

STOP



Cross both arms above head and hold until vehicle stops.

EMERGENCY STOP



Start with hands crossed over head then extend elbows, arms and hands downward and upward repeatedly until vehicle stops.

TURNS WHILE BACKING

GO LEFT



GO RIGHT



Point one arm to indicate the direction to turn. Bend opposite arm repeatedly toward head, with hand pointing in the direction of desired travel. Repeat until turning action is completed.

