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- » Where reversing is required ensure all round visibility is possible for example by using in cab CCTV and well placed mirrors.
- » Always check for pedestrians and other vehicles before moving off in a vehicle.
- » In addition to general vehicle checks, operators should always check safety features of your vehicle are fully working e.g. flashing beacons, reversing lights, reversing sirens, CCTV, etc.
- » Always wear vehicle seatbelts – they can dramatically reduce injuries and fatalities in overturns and collisions.
- » Challenge other site users including contractors regarding bad practice e.g. not wearing hi-visibility clothing, using mobile phones when operating vehicles or when walking through areas where vehicles operate.
- » Pedestrians should always ensure vehicle operators are aware of their presence before approaching. Drivers should always signal to pedestrians and other road users it is safe to approach.
- » Pedestrians should always use designated walkways to ensure separation from vehicle movements wherever possible.
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