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Discussion points:

- Ensure all operators have relevant permits and machine documentation.
- An adequate margin of safety is maintained on overhead and underground services.
- Ensure there is a safe working area throughout the workings of the machine.
- A minimum clearance of 600 mm must be maintained within the slewing radius of the machines. If this is impossible then access to the area must be blocked off with notice "NO ENTRY".
- Ensure that ground conditions are satisfactory especially on inclines.
- If outriggers are fitted these are to be used at all times.
- All machinery guards to be retained in fixed positions.
- If noise assessments indicate that hearing protection is required then the equipment must be worn.
- DO NOT travel with loads.
- DO NOT carry passengers or stand on the machine whilst in operation.
- When used for lifting materials over 1 ton, a Lifting Operations Exemption Certificate must be issued, with secure attachments for loads and SWL on boom.
- If an automatic Safe Load Indicator (ASLI) then ensure it remains operational at all times.
- Do not leave machine unattended unless immobilized and fully locked.
- Do not use the machine for any purpose for which it has not been designed.

	REMEMBER: PEOPLE CAUSE ACCIDENTS - NOT EQUIPMENT!
Notes:	