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Safe Work Practice

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Possible Hazards Present

Pain or injury from physical overexertion	Contact with machinery	Working in extreme temperatures and UV radiation.	Working with hand tools, powered tools and heavy powered equipment
Use of various machinery and tools.	Risk of eye injury from flying particles.		

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended

Hearing Protection	Eye Protection	Foot protection
High visibility reflective vests	Skin Protection	Hearing Protection

What are some good general safe work practices?

- **DO NOT** backfill until all workers are clear of working areas.
- **DO** ensure the operators of any equipment being used in backfilling operations shall keep their spotters in sight at all times.
- **DO** ensure that Operators/Spotters are familiar with hand signals for their work site.
- **DO** ensure that all employees wear the appropriate PPE (including high visibility reflective vests).

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