

Safety Alert

April 2021

Plant Safety

Plant Safety Reminder

Background

An incident occurred on campus on Thursday 8th April 2021 at the Alumni Lawn where a contractor was injured after being accidentally run down by an excavator. The contractor was extremely lucky sustaining only minor soft tissue injuries to his ankles. This is a reminder to all contractors on campus working around any form of mobile plant.

Call for all Contractors:

- Ensure you are familiar with the SafeWork NSW Code of Practice Managing the Risk of Plant in the Workplace (August 2019) [Code of practice – Managing the risks of plant in the workplace \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://www.nsw.gov.au/code-of-practice-managing-the-risks-of-plant-in-the-workplace)
- Ensure that a High-Risk SWMS has been developed and communicated to all workers working on, near or around moving plant.
- Ensure daily prestart conducted warning of the dangers of working around moving plant.
- Ensure exclusion zones established around plant operations.
- Ensure that clear communication and visual eye contact is maintained with plant operator.
- Never stand or suddenly move behind moving plant without making the operator aware.



Further Information:

Contact your Faculty Health & Safety Coordinator
<http://safety.unsw.edu.au/contacts>

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