

Banksmen & Site Plant

- Banking of machines is a very important part of safely moving mobile equipment around a site. The word “machines” here means Cranes, Rigs, Dumpers, Forklifts, Concrete wagons, & any other site traffic.
- The banksmen should be at least 18 years old, trained and competent to undertake banking duties.
- Try to avoid travelling over uneven or broken ground and across slopes. Check the route before commencing movement. This should include slopes, overhead and underground services, gates, vaults and any other fixed or temporary objects.
- Try to avoid travelling with suspended loads , particularly those close to the capacity of the crane. When travelling with a suspended load ‘creep speed’ must be used and the load kept as low to the ground as possible.
- Use only clear recognised signals. Stand where you can be clearly seen by the driver and where you can properly observe the operation. Wear appropriate hi-vis.
- Never allow a gap of less than 600mm between the slewing part of a machine and other objects
- No site traffic may reverse without a banksman.
- When vehicles are being loaded the driver must be out of the cab unless he has cab protection.

Did you know?

The term banksman comes from the days of canal barges, when the “banksman” was the man leading the horse on the towpath.



Q. What must you check before moving a moving a machine?

Q. What type of clothing must a banksman wear?

Q. What is the minimum gap between slewing plant & other objects?