

# Excavators & Wheeled Loaders

- Rotary piling (CFA, LDP & Mini Piling) normally produces spoil which is cleared by various machines. These machines have special risks and safety controls which must be followed.
- You must only use equipment which you are trained, competent and authorised to use.
- Excavators may only be used for lifting when there is an appropriate lifting point. Normally only lifts under 1Tonne should be carried out by an excavator.
- The machine must be properly serviced and the daily and weekly checks should be carried out by the operator.
- Ground conditions must be checked to ensure they are capable of taking the load of the excavator.
- All services should be located, remember you may need a permit to dig.
- All excavators should be fitted with 360° mirrors. If the driver cannot see he must stop and ask for a banksman.
- Only use designated haul roads, do not track excavators 'cross slope'.
- Always switch off the engine and remove the keys when you leave the vehicle. Never leave a load suspended.
- If anything is being carried in the bucket of the machine make sure it is secure.
- A minimum of 600mm slewing space must be maintained. If this is not possible the area must be barriered off.
- If excavators are to be used adjacent to open excavations stop blocks or other barriers must be in place.



**Q. What must you use to lift with an excavator?**

**Q. What should all excavators have fitted?**

**Q. Where must you not track excavators?**