

# Learner Guide

**Earthmoving Course** 

**RIIMPO325E Conduct Civil Construction Scraper Operations** 

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# **1.1 Introduction**

### **1.1.1 Introduction to Scraper**

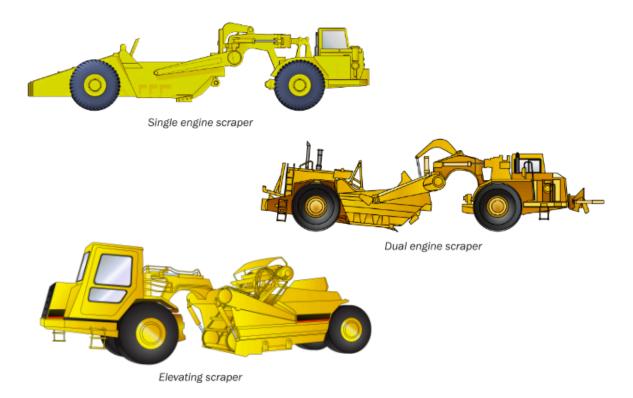
A scraper is a machine which scrapes and moves soil.

### 1.1.1.1 What Industries Do You Use A Scraper In?

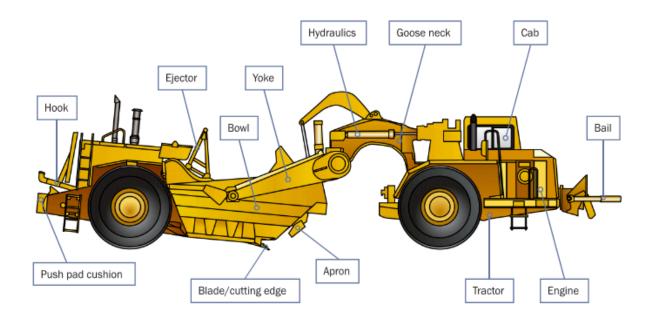
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### 1.1.2 Types of Scraper



### 1.1.3 An Example of Scraper



### 1.1.4 Who Has Duty of Care?

You have a duty of care. So does anyone who has something to do with the worksite. Duty of care applies to:



### 1.1.4.1 Worker's Duty of Care

As a worker you must take care of your own health and safety – and the health and safety of others at the workplace. You must not put your own or other people's health and safety at risk. Never work where you believe a hazard is a serious risk to your health and safety. You must also:

- do your best to follow reasonable health and safety instructions from your boss (PCBU)
- follow workplace health and safety policies and procedures
- do not work where you believe a hazard would be a serious risk to your health and safety.



### 1.1.4.2 PCBU/Employer's Duty of Care

The PCBU must:

- Provide a safe workplace
- Train workers and make sure they know what to do on the job
- Try to get rid of risks, or find ways to minimise risks
- Tell workers about any hazards or risks. Workers must know what to do in an emergency.
- Have a workplace safety plan. For example, workers should be trained in the use of fire fighting equipment and first aid equipment.

#### Penalties

If you are a PCBU/employer or a worker, the government can fine you or even imprison you for failing your duty of care.



# **1.2 The Basic Road of Construction**

### **1.2.1** The Basic Road of Construction

A surveyor will stake out the site according to the site plan. The stakes mark where the road will go and any drains or pits, which will help to drain water away from the road area.



Sometimes contractors may use a borrow pit (also called a sand box). A borrow pit is an area where soil, sand or gravel (material) is dug out to be used in another area. Sometimes the borrow pit will become the drains, or water catchment areas at the end of the work.

As the operator shapes the ground, they will usually create drainage at the sides of the road area. They will also make sure there is enough fall (scope) on the road so that water drains away from the road.



A front end loader or dozer shapes the road base. This helps smooth out the surface ready for grading.



An excavator or dozer removes the trees, shrubs and other plants and levels the area. Some trees may be protected with padding or fencing.



The excavator or dozer may use material from the borrow pit to build up low areas in the road. They may also build up diversion blocks. Diversion blocks divert water away from the road and into drains.



Drains are installed to help take water away from the worksite.



A water truck may wet down the ground. This helps the soil to bond.



The grader grades the road to produce a much smoother surface.



A site supervisor or roller operator tests the compaction. Sometimes they will use a deflectometer or penetrometer. Some rollers/compactors can test the compaction as they drive.



Trucks then deliver subbase. Haul trucks or tip trucks sometimes tip the subbase, and front end loaders spread it.



Several layers of subbase are laid. The subbase is compacted and tested.



A roller or compactor then compacts the road. This breaks up lumps and smooths the surface out.



Many layers of the ground material are built up. This is called the subgrade. Each layer is compacted and tested.



A water truck may spray water on the subbase to help the soil bond. This makes the particles stick together and make it compact better.

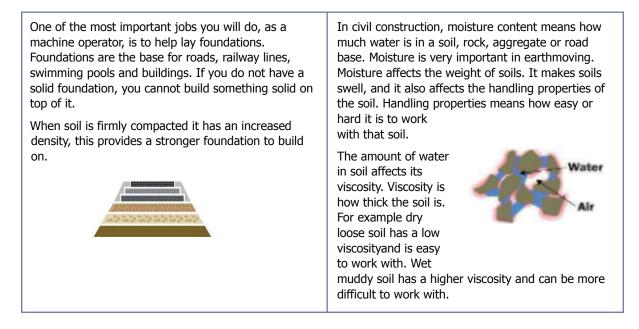


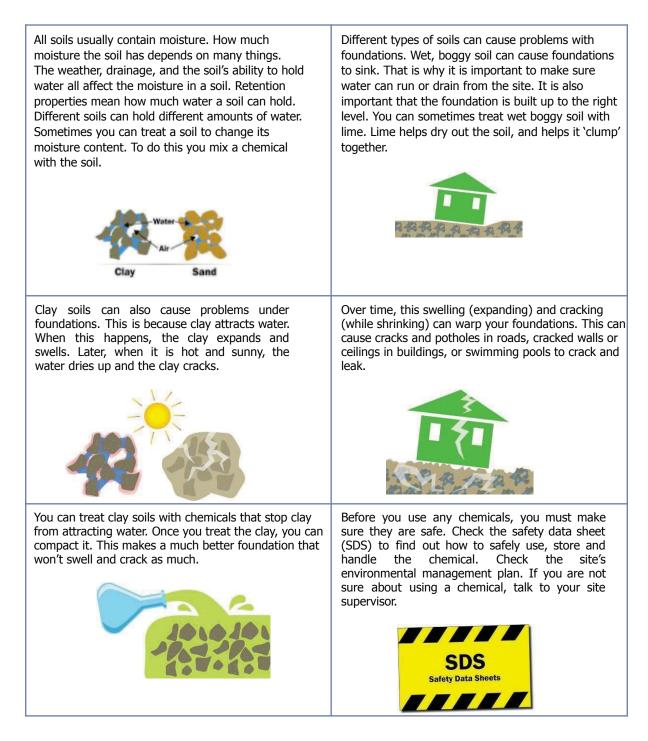
Once the subbase is at the right thickness and is compacted properly, trucks deliver the course road base. The road base is built up in many layers. Water trucks may wet down the road base if it helps the roller/compactor compact the base.





### **1.2.2 Principles of Soil Technology for Civil Works**





### **1.2.3 Earthmoving Site Hazards**

### **1.2.3.1 Checking for Underground Services**

You should always check where services are before you start work. You may phone 'Dial before you dig on 1100'. You may look at the site plan or talk to your supervisor. You may need to look at the location of pits and meters to get an idea of where the services run. You may need to check with the local council or service company. You may even need to get underground detection equipment.

If you hit a service line, contact the provider immediately. You may need to organise to get the service disconnected while a qualified person fixes the problem.

You can sometimes tell there are services below by the types of ground. Some services are surrounded by a different type of soil, rock or sand. You may notice that the soil is looser, or does not match the soil around where you are digging. There may be a line of tape alerting you to the services.

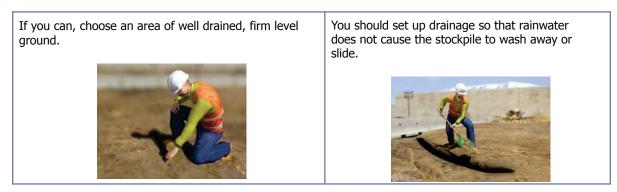
If you suspect there are services underground, stop working. Check the ground. You may need to excavate the area by hand, or dig in another area.

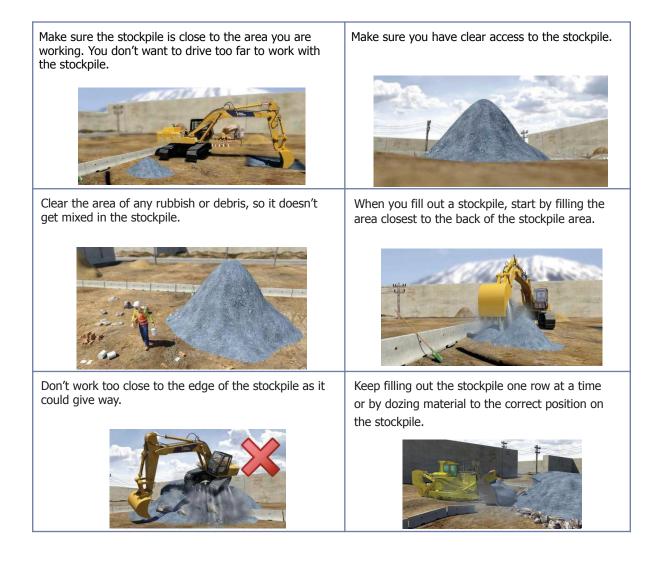


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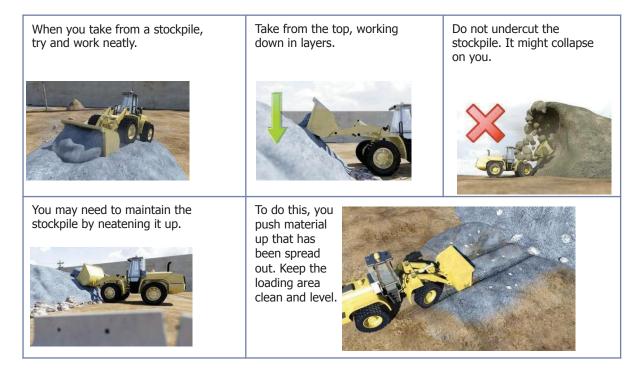
### **1.2.3.1 Building A Stockpile**

A stockpile is a pile of material (soil, sand, rock, etc) that you use for earthmoving work. You must choose a good location for your stockpile. If you choose the wrong location, your stockpile could get washed away or become dirty (mixed with other materials).





### 1.2.3.2 Taking from A Stockpile



# 2.1 Plan and Prepare for Scraper Operations

### 2.1.2 Work Health & Safety Legislative Requirements

#### 'Laws to keep your workplace safe'

WHS/OHS requirements are outlined in Acts, Regulations, Codes of Practice and Australian Standards.

#### WHS/OHS Acts

'*WHS/OHS Acts'* are laws that explain how to improve health and safety in the workplace. For example: Model National WHS Act, June 2011. WHS has the same meaning as OHS in this document.

#### Regulations

*'Regulations'* explain specific parts of the Act. For example: Part 4.3 – Confined spaces, Part 4.4 – Falls.



#### **Codes of Practice/Compliance Codes**

*'Codes of Practice'* are practical guidelines on how to comply with (meet the rules of) legislation. For example: HAZARDOUS MANUAL TASKS Code of Practice, 23rd December 2011.

#### **Australian Standards**

'*Australian Standards'* are work guidelines that set the minimum accepted performance or quality for a specific hazard, process or product.

For example: AS 2550 – Cranes, hoists and winches – safe use set.

#### What are quality requirements?

The quality requirements tell you the standards you must meet when doing earthmoving work. They tell you what you need to do and how to do it to satisfy the customer. You may need to follow codes of practice, regulations, national standards etc.

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	Jobstage	Checkedby	Quality Syste	
	Correct area pegged out			
_	Vegetation removed			·
	Top soil removed and stockpiled			
-	Slab size pegged out in correct location		<u> </u>	
-	Slab size pegged out to correct size		- 2	
-	Lavel markers in place		- 0	
-	Siteleveledtopegs	C		
-	Grushed rock is correct size as per specification			
-	Slab area boxed to correct height offloor			
-	Crush rock is the correct height as specified			
	Boxingpegs at correct spacing and depth			
	Crushed rock is level to specification	-	-	
	Crushed rock covers the specified area			
-	Crushed rock compaction meets specifications			
	Compacted crushed rock base is at the specified height			
_	Slab preparation meets specification and ready for concrete contractor	+		

### What equipment may be used in a traffic control plan?

Stop/slow bats	High visibility vests	Radios
Barricades	Cones	Bollards

#### What signs may be used in a traffic control plan?

Speed limit signs	20 AREA	Warning signs
Arrow boards		Portable traffic signals

#### What kinds of information do you need before starting work?

- Plans Drawings and sketches outlining what you need to do
- Specifications rules and details about the job
- Operational details how you will do the job
- Quality requirements of the job the standards you are expected to meet.



#### When planning your job, why do you need to know what other people are doing on site?

- To make sure you will not get in the way of other jobs being done
- To make sure you know what others are doing near where you must work.



#### What are examples of documentation you should read before doing earthmoving work?

- WHS/OHS Act
- Regulations
- Codes of practice
- Australian Standards (AS 2958 Earthmoving machinery)
- Manufacturer's specifications
- Operator's manual for your machine
- Site requirements and procedures
- Company policies and procedures for Employment and workplace relations, Equal opportunity and disability.

#### Why should you check the operator's manual before using earthmoving equipment?

The operator's manual tells you how to operate your machine. The manual also tells you about maintenance (how to keep your machine working well).



#### What do codes of practice explain?

Codes of practice are practical guidelines on how to comply or follow the rules in legislation/laws.

For example:

A traffic management code of practice will tell you all the rules a traffic controller must follow. For example, a traffic controller must have a zero percent blood/ alcohol concentration/ reading while performing traffic control duties.

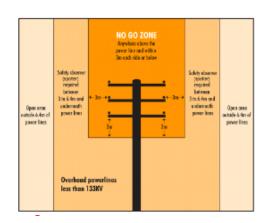
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For example:

A2250.1-2011 - Powerline distances

This standard tell you the distances you can safely work near powerlines on poles and towers.



### 2.1.2 Job Safety and Environment Analysis (JSEA) or Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS)

These forms help you plan for the work you will do. It is very important you fill these out before you start work. They help you work out the tools, equipment and PPE you need to do the job safely. All workplaces should have these types of forms.

Example:

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		ACTIVITY/TASK INFORM			DN		
Location/Project:	123 B	elmaine Highwa	y, Rosev	ille			
Activity or Task Description: Load spoil from excavation right hand turn lane							
Competency/Qualification nee					e current tickets		
		2. HAZARD IDEN	TIFICATION				
Location/Area Hazards	Rate	Work/Task Hazard	s	Rate	Work/Task Hazards		Rate
Area		Visibility and hearing			Plant/machinery		
Entry or exit is difficult		Poor lighting			Plant or Machinery	X	8
Engulfment/entrapment		Poor visibility			Tools/equipment		
Work at heights		Bright lights/UV			Traffic	X	8
Confined space		High noise levels	X	7	Pedestrians		
Remote location		Communication difficulties	;		Railway		
Rescue could be difficult		Services			Pneumatics		
Temperature extremes		Multiple electrical feeds			Process lines		
Hazardous/Toxic substances		Electrical hazards - LV			Suspended loads		
(attach MSDS)		Electrical hazards - HV			Slips/trips/falls		
Gasses/oxygen/chemicals		Overhead power	X	8	Slips/trip hazard		
Poisonous gas/es		UG services (gas, power, water)			Fall hazard		
Explosive/flamable gas		Hazardous/toxic substanc	es		Other		
Oxygen levels (high or low)		Pressurised fluids			Sharp materials		
Inhalable dusts/fibres		Gas cylinders			Confined space		
Hazardous/toxic substances		Flammable materials			Work at heights		
(attach MSDS)		Toxic materials			Welding/Grinding		
Exposure		Acids/solvents			Manual handling		
Heat/Cold		Other chemicals			Using ladders		
Sunlight/ Radiation	X 4	Inhalable dusts/fibres			Using EWPs		

3. PPE		4. ACCESS/EQUIPMENT/ISOL	ATION	5. ENVIRONMENTAL				
Hands, feet and body		Access equipment		Environmental Haza	rds	1	ĸ	Rate
Gloves: (type)	X	Scaffold		Air pollution (dust, fumes)		X		5
Safety boots	X	Ladders		Noise (plant and equipment)		X		55
Long sleeves/pants	X	EWP		Spills to drains/waterways	8			
High visibility vest/clothing	X			Spills to ground		X		5
Head and face				Soil erosion				
Safety glasses/sun glasses	X	Static plant/equipment:		Hazard to flora/fauna				
Full face shield				Other:				
Hearing protection	X							
Hard hat	X	Mobile plant/equipment:		Risk Rating Table: Use the fo	Howing the	hie to sail	to the	risk.
Dust gas mask	-	Excavators, Loaders, Trucks, Machine	X	<ul> <li>1-2 = Low</li> <li>3-4 = N</li> </ul>	fectium:			
Breathing apparatus			X	<ul> <li>5-6 - High</li> <li>7-8 - 5</li> </ul>	whene			
Welding face shield		Safety/emergency equipment:	~	1	Co	nseq	uen	ices
Fail protection and access				Likelihood:				
Safety harness				1	12	8	13	8
Fall protection equipment				(How likely is it to occur)	14		8	
Fall arrest equipment		Isolation and warnings		1	12	64	ы	
Other:		Barricades	X	1			-	
		Group isolation		Almost Certain	8	7	6	5
		Personal locks or lock out tags		Likely	7	6	5	4
		Warning signs	X	Possible	6	5	4	3
		Area lighting	-	1	-	-		-
		Other:		Unlikely	5	4	3	2
		Traffic controllers	X	Rare	4	3	2	1
		6. PERMITS (Attach and record n	umber)					
Hot work		Excavation	4	Hazardous work				
Assess to work area		High voltage	A	Confined space				

### Job safety and environment analysis (JSEA)/Safe work method statement (SWMS) 123456

_		7. JOB STEPS, HAZARDS A			-
Step (No.)	Job Step (Describe each step)	Hazard/Environmental Issue	Risk Rating (Before control)	Control	Risk Rating (after control)
1	Set up traffic control	Traffic in busy intersection	8	Barriers and flag person supplied by ABC Traffic.	1
		Noise of traffic and plant	7	Hearing protection must be worn at all times.	1
		Sconlight	4	Long sleeve pants, tops, hard hats with visor and sunglasses.	1
2	Unload excentor from Rost	Excavator sliding on ramps	5	Pedestrian exclusion zones 1.5' x excav. height. Operator wear seat belt.	3
3	Excavate turn lane	Powerlines overhead	8	Power will be isolated. This must be confirmed before starting.	1
4	Load tip truck	Location of tip truck and drivers while loading.	8	Traffic controllers will direct drivers where to safely park. Privers must remain in track while being loaded.	1
5	Load excentor on Roat				
		Dust and noise	5	Noise restrictions limit work to between 9am-3pm. Water truck available to reduce duct if needed.	2
		Spills to ground	5	Pre-op checks on excavator before work. Spills kit on site if needed.	2

#### 8. CONSULTATION AND WORKER OFF

Name	Signature	Date	Name	Signature	Date
Dick Osborne	Dick Osborne	2/4			
Paul Williams	Paul Williams	2/4			
Jason Tennant	Jason Tennant	2/4			
Amanda Jones	Amanda Jones	2/4			
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	9. FINAL APPROVAL/SIGN OFF						
	Name	Signature	Date				
Approved by:	Mark Alabaster	Mark Alabaster	2/4/				
Approved by:	Duncan Morton	Duncan Morton	2/4/				
Customer/Client	N/A						

#### What are the National Work Health (WHS) and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Acts about?

The Acts explain how to keep your workplace safe and healthy. They explain what you need to do to meet your duty of care. For example:

You must make sure you do earthmoving work in a way that won't put yourself or others at risk. You must use earthmoving equipment according to instructions.

Note: Check your state/territory requirements as Acts may vary.

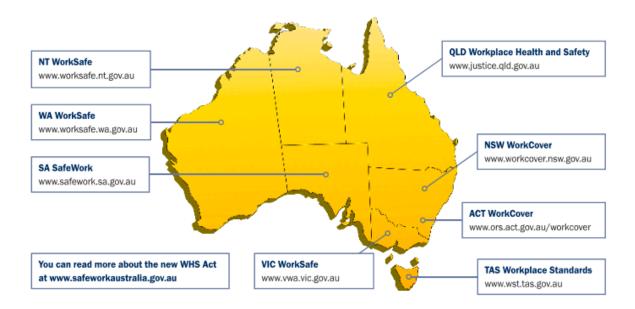


#### Under WHS/OHS laws, what are your responsibilities while working?

You must work in a way that is safe. You must not risk the health and safety of yourself or others.

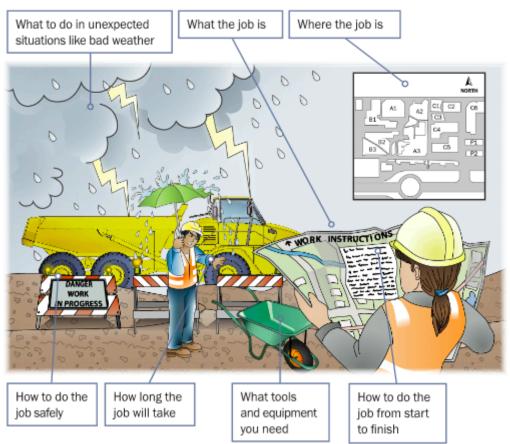


You can check these websites for more information about workplace health and safety. The National WHS Act started in some states/territories on January 1, 2012.



#### What do the job's work instructions explain?

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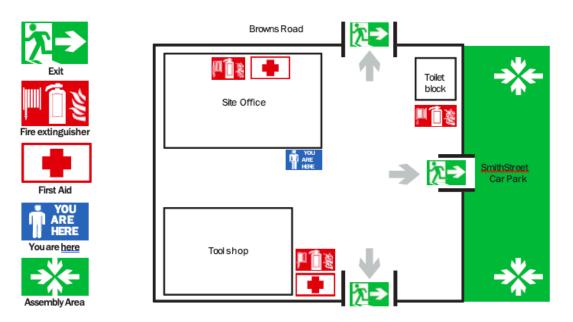
### 2.1.4 Safety Plan

The safety plan may tell you things like:

- How to use tools and equipment safely
- How hazards and risks need to be controlled
- Emergency procedures
- Emergency exits and assembly areas
- What PPE to wear
- Safe areas to park machinery.



### 2.1.21.1 Site Evacuation Plan (Example)



#### What does the safety plan tell you?

The safety plan tells you how the worksite intends to meet all the safety rules. It tells you:





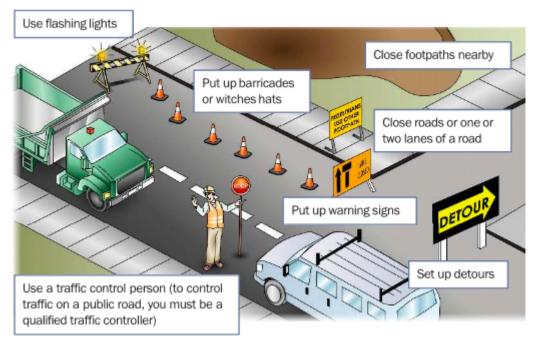
#### What does the traffic management plan (TMP) tell you?

It tells you how to control vehicles in and around the worksite. It helps keep the site safe for you and others. You may require a traffic control licence in your state or territory.

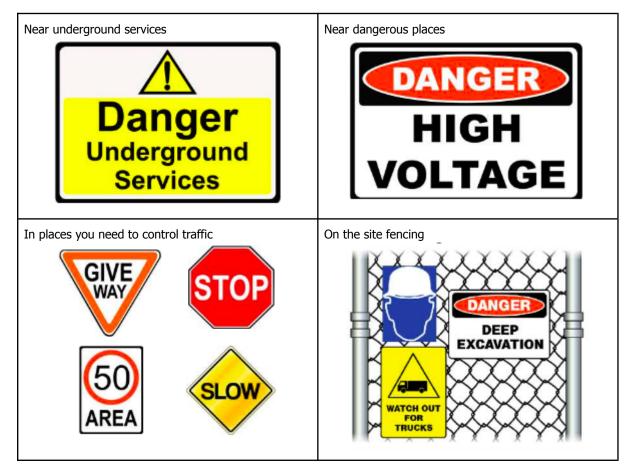


#### What can you do to control traffic in and around a worksite?

#### You can:



#### Where do you put up warning signs?

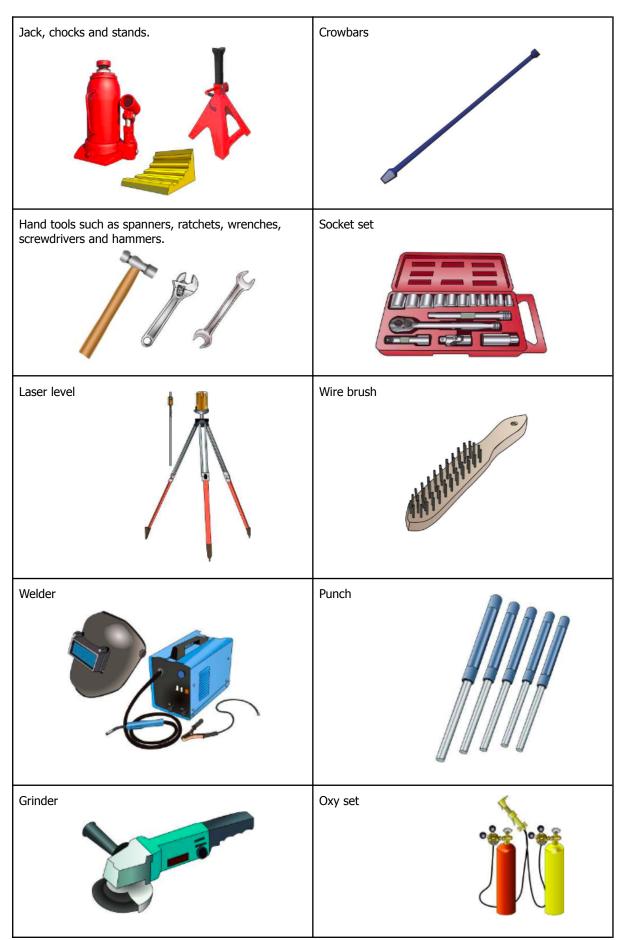


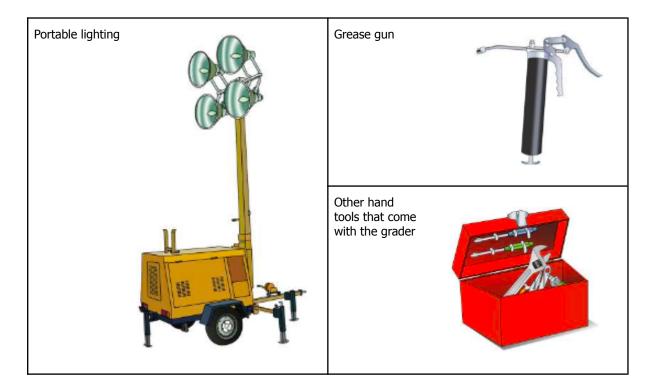
### 2.1.5 Tools and Equipment

Here are some typical tools and equipment you might need. Remember, if your workplace has a policy about what PPE you need to use, you must use it.

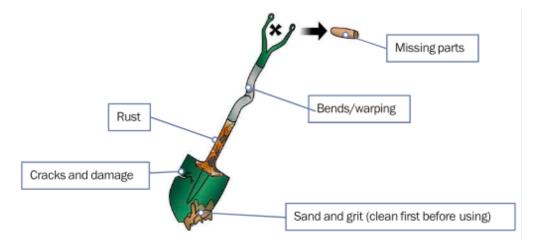


#### What kinds of tools and equipment might you use when doing earthmoving work?



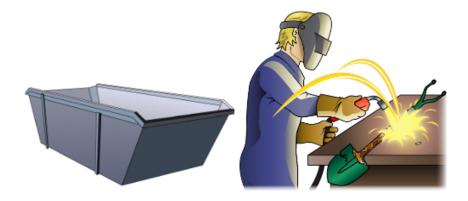


What kinds of faults do you check hand tools for?



#### What do you do with faulty hand tools?

If you can, arrange to have them repaired. If that is not possible, tag them as faulty, or put them in the rubbish.



### 2.1.6 First Aid and Emergencies

Employers should make sure there are trained first aiders and first aid kits available. The employer should make sure:

- The first aid kits are checked, maintained and kept in a clean dry place.
- There are clear signs indicating the location of first aid kits.
- They have recorded and displayed the numbers and location for emergency services (or local doctors or hospitals).

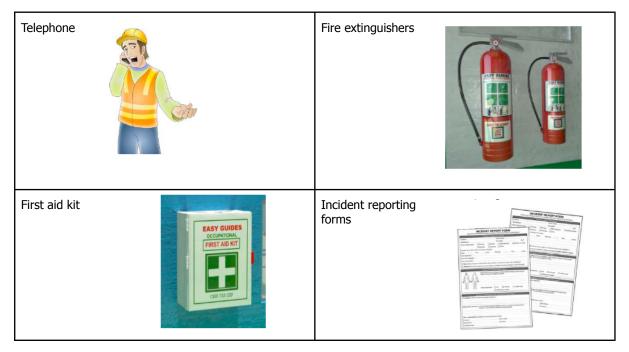
### 2.1.6.1 Reporting Incidents

As a PCBU, employer or self-employed person you must report serious incidents to the SafeWork authority in your state. You must give a written report within 48 hours if any of the following happen on a site you are controlling:



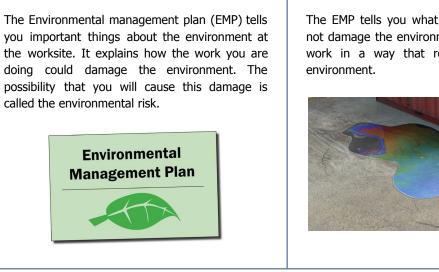
The authorities may send an inspector to come and examine the site. You must leave the site as it is, unless you need to; protect people, help an injured worker, make the site safe, or stop other incidents happening. The inspector will tell you when you can continue working normally.

#### What equipment should be on site to deal with an emergency?





### 2.1.7 Environmental Management Plan (EMP)



The EMP tells you what you must do so you do not damage the environment. It tells you how to work in a way that reduces damage to the



The EMP also tells you how the worksite meets all environmental protection laws and what to do with waste.



Company Details:	EGA Earthwo	rks - 19 Cha	ndler Road	, Boronia. \	Vic. 3155.		
Work description	Soil removal						
Date 12/12/2015				Contact	Dick Osborne - 0455 555 555		
Environmental concerns for the site Risk			Risk likelihood		on measures		
Excessive noise gen with the construct support infrastruct / <u>complaints</u> .		Possible	Work on site to be carried out between 7:00am and 6:00pm.				
Vegetation loss leading to increased Mod runoff during wet periods.			Almost certain	worked a	Use cut off drains to direct water away from area bein worked on. Put silt cloth barrier on high side of trench. Put straw bales in trench to filter water.		
Mud on surroundii and exit points.	ng roads near entry	Moderate	Possible	Use rum	ble grids and wash wheels of vehicles leaving site		
Dust generation du soil.	ue to removal of top	Moderate	Likely	Use water carts to keep soil moist.			
Combustion products from exhaust pipes. I Air emissions.		Moderate	Likely	Check th	at catalytic converters fitted to machinery.		
Damage to remaining trees on site.		Moderate	Possible	Use temporary fencing and/or safety mesh to isolate trees from surrounding work.			
Approved by:	TJ Crossbow		Signed:	TT Cro	ubou		

### 2.1.7.1 Example of an Environmental Management Plan

### 2.1.7.2 Working with an Environmental Management Plan

When preparing an Environmental management plan (EMP) there are three things you must decide:

- 1. How serious is the environmental risk?
- 2. How likely is it to happen?
- 3. How can you control the risk?

#### How can you control the environmental risk?

Here are some examples of environmental risks and the controls that could be used. They can be written into an environmental management plan.

#### Example 1

- Risk : Soil and clay spread on residential streets.
- Cause : Not cleaning wheels of vehicles leaving the worksite.
- Control : Wash wheels or use rumble grids or put gravel at exit points.

#### Example 2

- Risk : Noise.
- Cause : Engine noise from heavy machinery.
- Control : Work on site to be carried out between 7 am and 6 pm.





Example 3

- Risk : Loss of topsoil.
- Cause : Driving across a paddock or over vegetation.
- Control : Go around the paddock even if it increases the time the job takes.



### 2.1.8 Disposing of Environmentally Sensitive Fluid

There are times when you will need to dispose of environmentally sensitive fluids. You may have to deal with oil spills or chemical spills.

There are disposal companies who remove used oil, oily water and emulsions, waste grease, filters, rags, brake fluids and coolants.

Oil is a good example of an environmentally sensitive substance that needs to be disposed of properly.



If oil ends up in landfill, it will slowly leach into surrounding land and underground water. Storm water and sewage, polluted by oil, can cause long term damage to coastal and marine habitats and ecosystems, seabirds, mammals, fisheries and people.





#### How serious is the environmental risk?

Level	Rating	Examples of impact on the environment
1	Catastrophic	Death, injury or illness to humans or animals. Destruction of a heritage site. Toxic release into waterway and groundwater.
2	Major	Release leading to measurable change to storm water quality. Soil contamination over a wide area. Damage to a heritage site.
3	Moderate	Short term minor change to ecosystems. On site release that is contained with little contamination. Localised, short-term change in storm water quality.
4	Minor	On-site release immediately contained. Isolated complaints from the community.
5	Insignificant	Impact on the environment is too small to measure.

You can use the following table to rate how serious the environmental risks are.

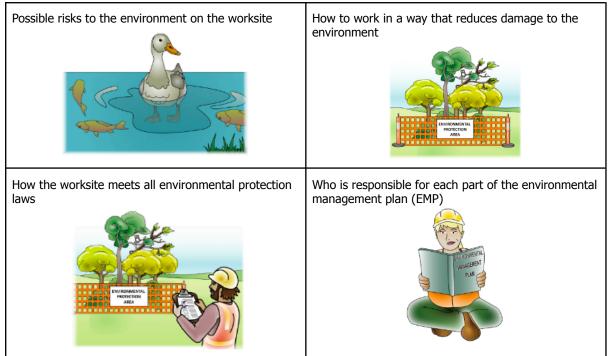
#### How likely Is the environmental risk?

You can use the following table to rate how likely it is that an environmental incident may happen.

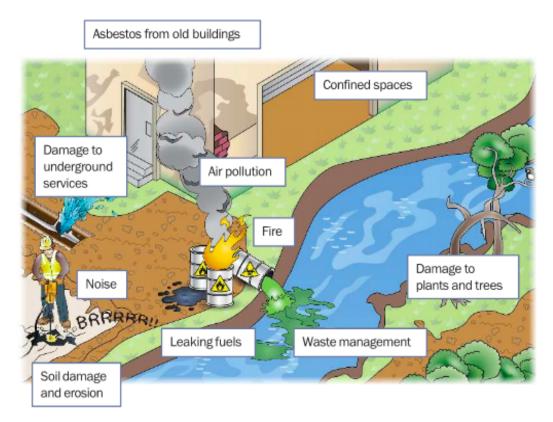
Level	Rating	Examples of impact on the environment
A	Almost certain	Environmental concerns that you expect will happen.
В	Likely	Environmental problem that has happened in the past and is likely to happen again.
с	Possible	Environmental concern that has sometimes been a concern and may happen.
D	Unlikely	Environmental concern that has sometimes been a concern but is not expected to happen.
E	Rare	Environmental issues that are very unlikely to happen.

#### What does the environmental management plan (EMP) tell you?

#### The EMP tells you:

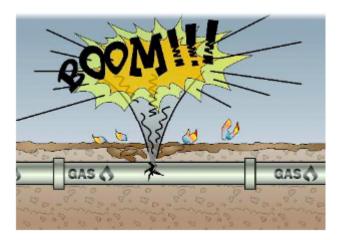


#### What environmental challenges should you be careful of when working?



#### What could happen if you damage an underground gas line?

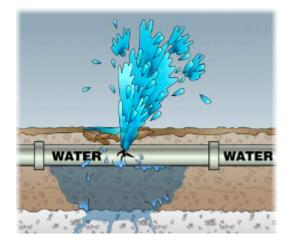
You could cause a gas leak, and maybe an explosion.



#### What could happen if you damage an underground water pipe?

You could cause a water leak, and the water could be polluted.

Surrounding soil can be eroded causing a cavity which could collapse either immediately or in the future.



#### Why should you check the noise laws for your state/territory before starting work?

Because there are rules about how early or late you can work.



#### What is the danger if you damage an underground electrical cable?

There is a risk of an electric shock.



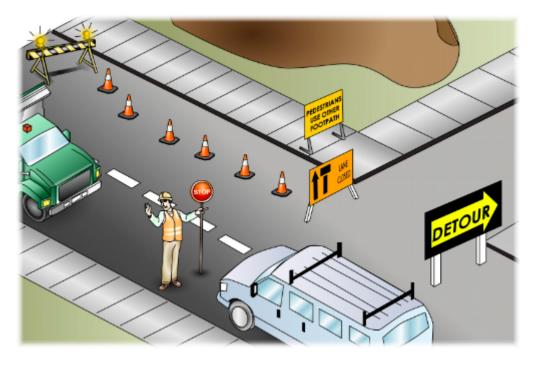
#### Who do you talk to if you damage an underground cable, gas line or other service?

You must tell your supervisor. Your supervisor will tell the relevant authority.



#### What is the aim of a traffic control plan?

The aim of a traffic control plan is to maintain a safe flow of traffic around the work area.



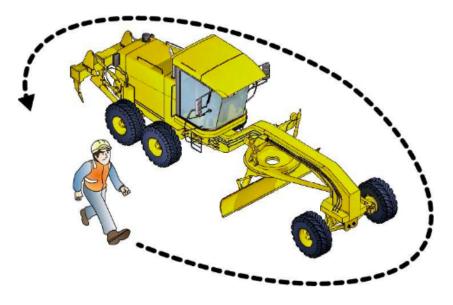
### What kinds of PPE might you wear when using a scraper?

Hard hat	Ear muffs	Safety glasses/ goggles	Sunscreen
			SPF 30+
Gloves	Safety vest		Boots that cover the whole foot

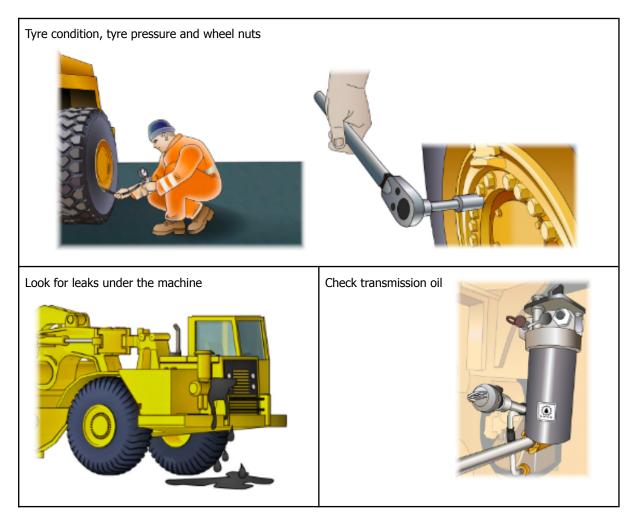
# 2.2 Operate Scraper

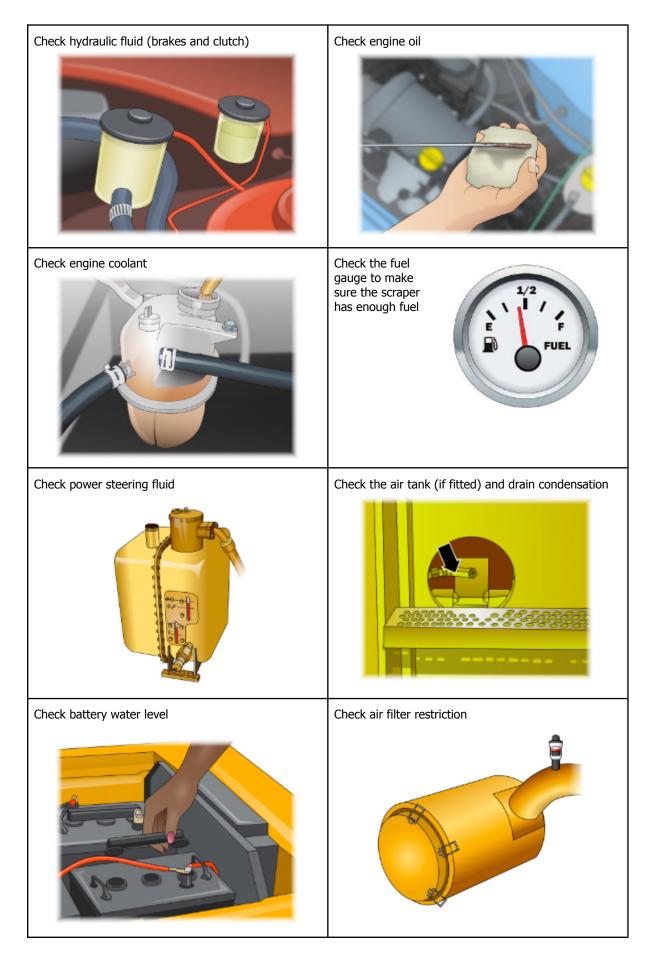
#### What is the first check you do on the machine?

Walk around it and check for obvious problems you can easily see.



#### What are some pre-operational checks you do before using the grader?





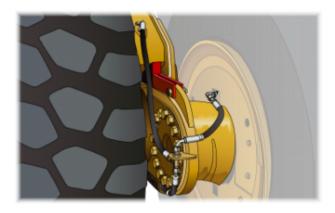
# If your scraper has an air system, what do you do every day to get rid of condensation from the air tank?

Drain the water from the tank.

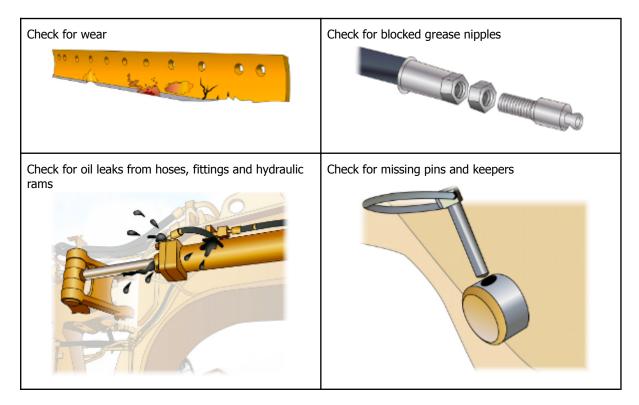


#### You are checking the tyres and the wear is uneven. What might the problem be?

The scraper might have a bent axle or loose wheel bearings.



#### What attachment checks do you do?

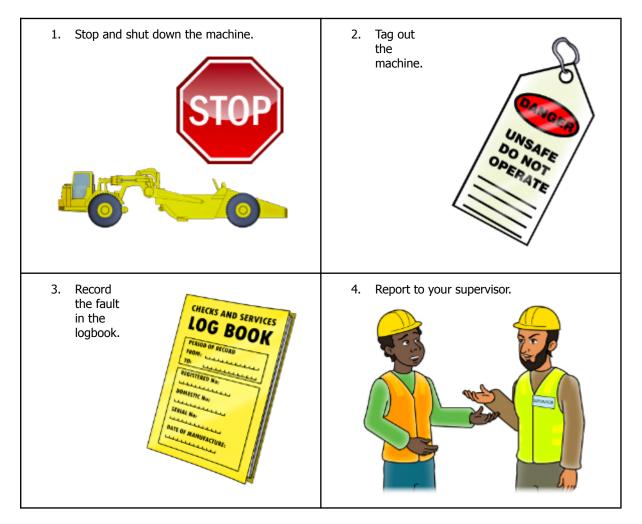


#### You take out the oil dipstick and the oil looks milky. What does this mean?

There may be water leaking into the sump and mixing with the engine oil.

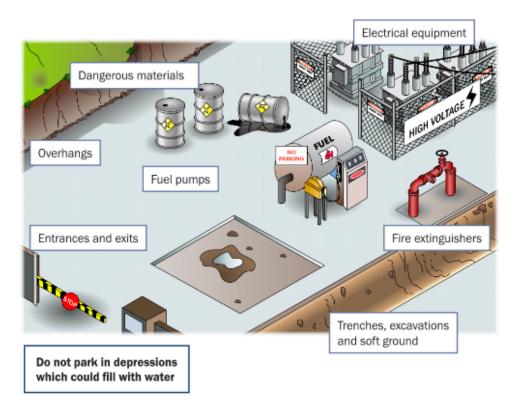


#### If your machine has air brakes, what should you do if the brake pressure gauge isn't working?



## Where should you park the scraper?

Always park on firm, level ground and away from hazards. Do not park near:

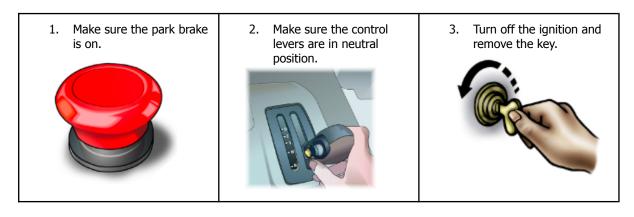


## What do you do with the bowl before shutting down the scraper?

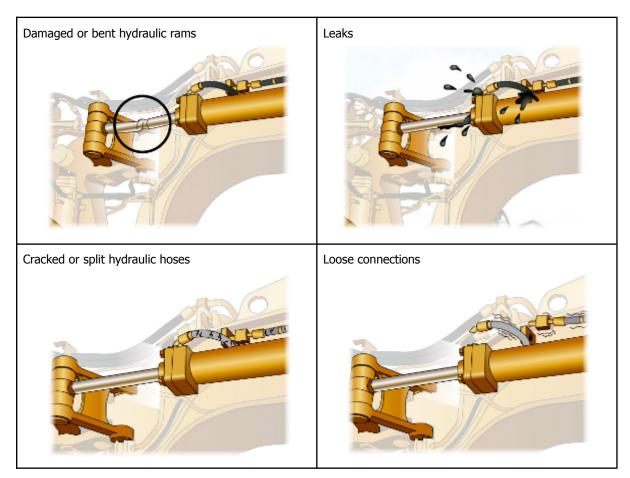
Lower the bowl and release the pressure in the hydraulic lines.



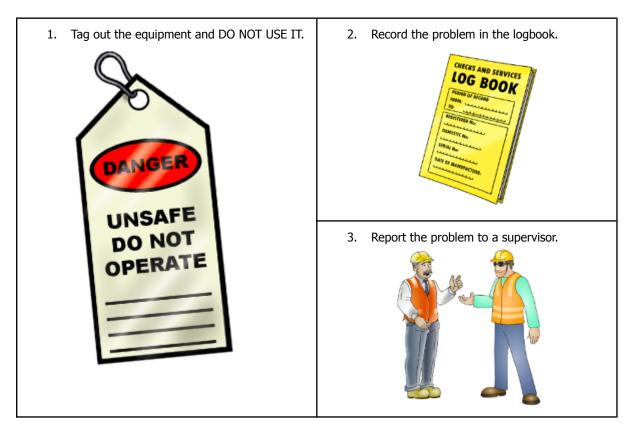
## How do you shut down the scraper?



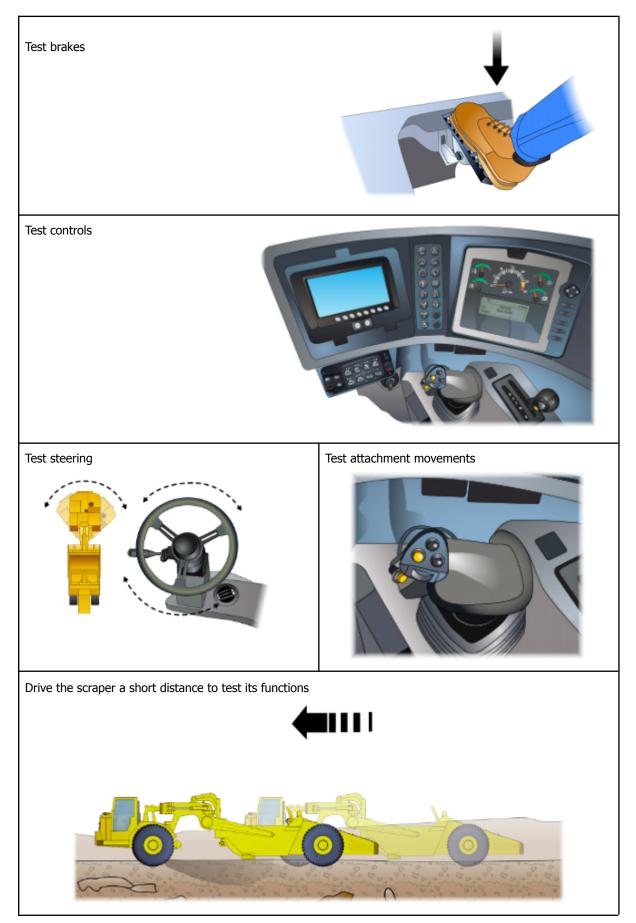
## What problems do you check the hydraulic system for?

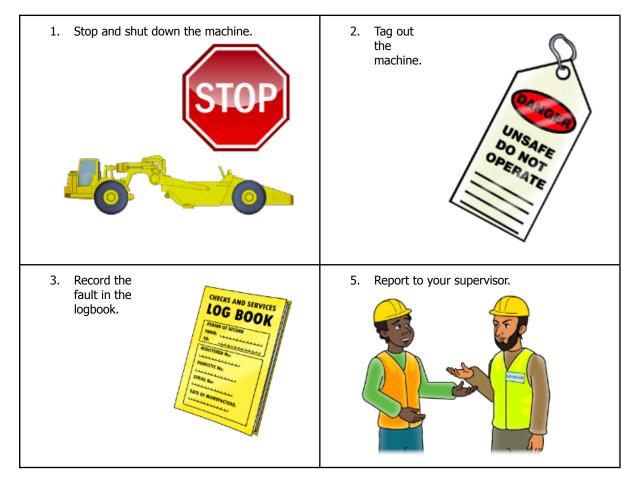


What must you do if you find any fault with the scraper?



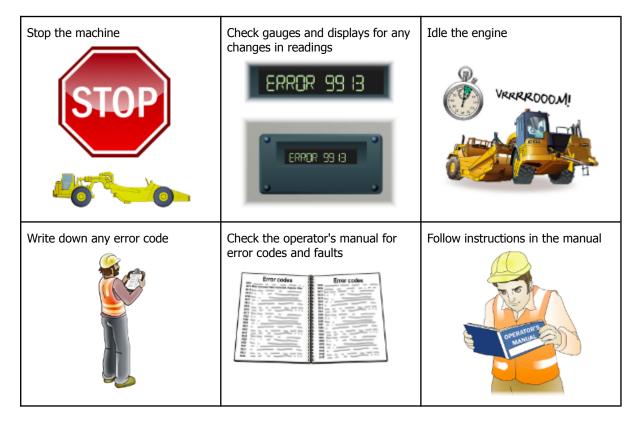
## What kinds of tests should you do before using the scraper?



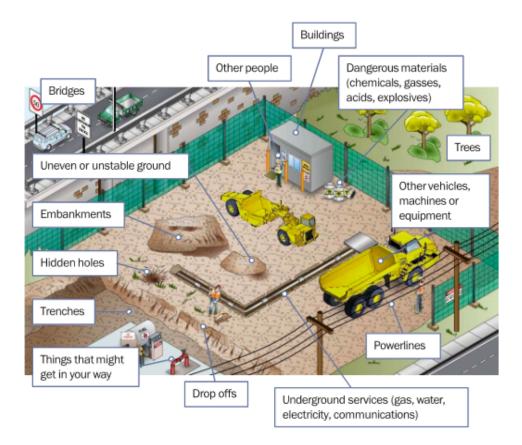


## What must you do if you see a warning light or hear an alarm?

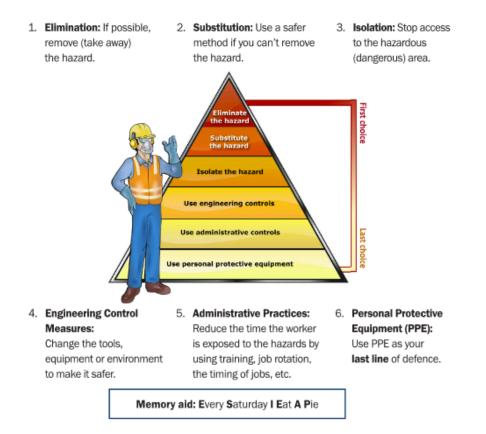
# A monitoring system on the machine shows a fault code or indicates a problem. What should you do?



## What are some hazards you must look for before starting work?



The hierarchy of hazard control is a list of controls you can use to lower the danger from a hazard on the worksite. What are the six (6) levels in the hierarchy of hazard control from the first choice to the last choice?

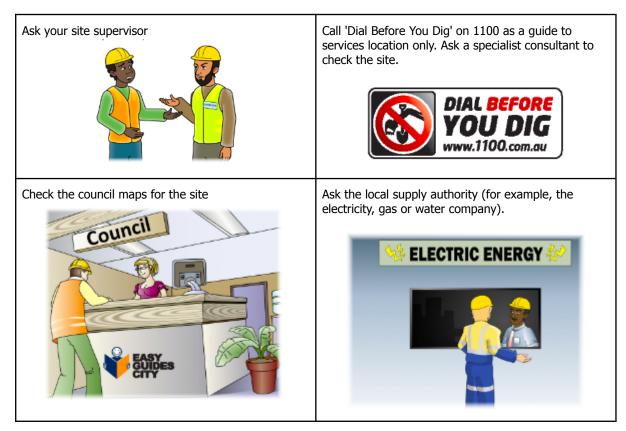


## 2.2.1 How to Remember the Hierarchy of Hazard Control

You can use the following acronym (an abbreviation formed from the initial components in a phrase) to help you remember the steps in the hierarchy of hazard control.

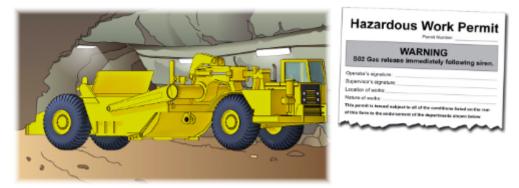


## Who can you ask about underground services on the worksite?



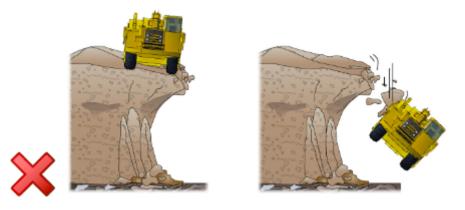
# You will work in a hazardous area, for example, a confined space. What type of permit might you need to get?

You may need to get a hazardous work permit.



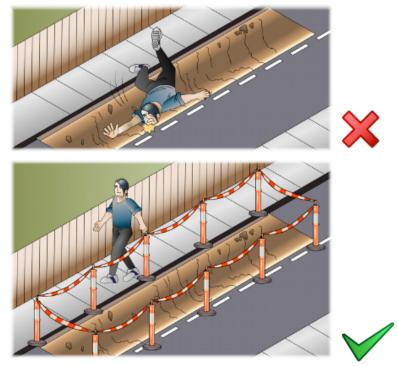
## What is the danger of driving next to a trench?

The scraper might tip over and fall into the trench, or the edge of the trench might cave in.



## There is a trench near a pedestrian footpath. How can you stop people falling into the trench?

Put up barricades, guard rails or fencing. Use signs to warn people of the danger.

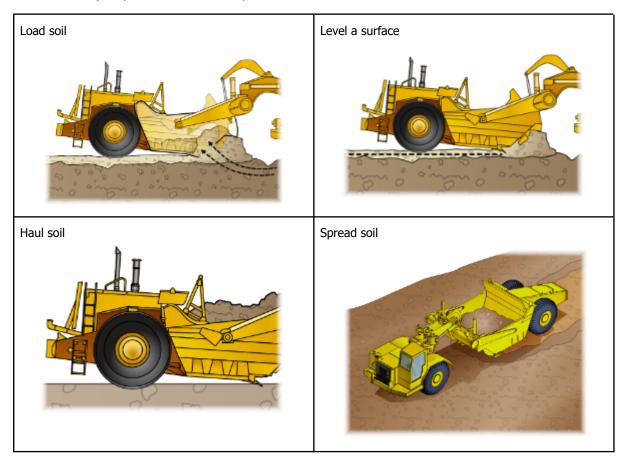


## What is the danger of working when it is dark or difficult to see?

It's harder to see hazards. In the dark it is harder to tell distances.



What are some jobs you can do with a scraper?



## How do you safely get in and out of the scraper's cabin?

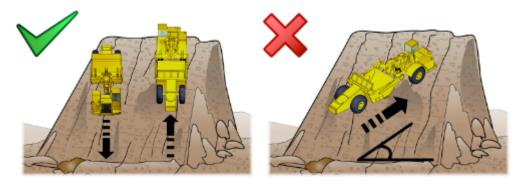
Always use 3 points of contact facing the machine. For example, use two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand.





## Which is the safest way to travel down on a slope?

Travel directly down the slope, not at an angle.



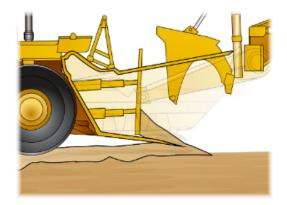
## Which gear do you choose to go up or down a steep slope?

Use the lowest gear possible and keep the bowl low to the ground.



## What does the ejector on the bowl do?

The ejector pushes the soil from the bowl through the open apron.



## 2.2.2 Elevating or Self Loading Scraper

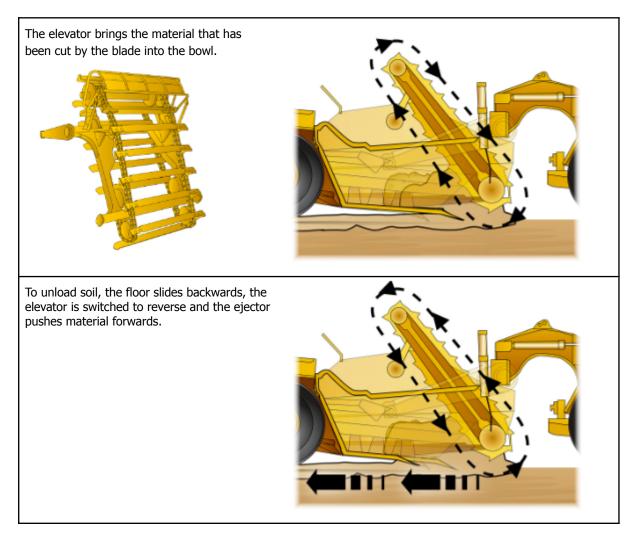
These machines are sometimes referred to as Hancock scrapers.

These machines have no apron, instead they include a hydraulically or electrically driven elevator made of two chains equipped with a series of crossbars.

The purpose of the elevator is to load material into the scraper's bowl. The elevator lifts the material away from the cutting edge and into the bowl. This greatly reduces the power needed to force the material into the bowl. Dumping material is achieved by sliding the floor of the bowl backwards. The elevator can be reversed in order to assist in dumping the load evenly.

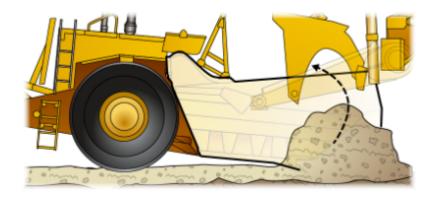


## How does a scraper with an elevator move material?



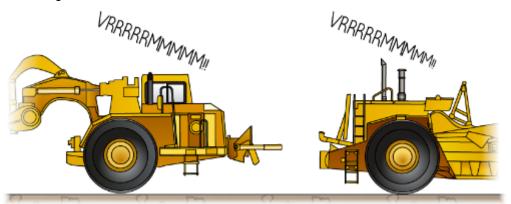
## What does the scraper bowl's apron do?

The apron holds the soil in the bowl after the blade cuts it.



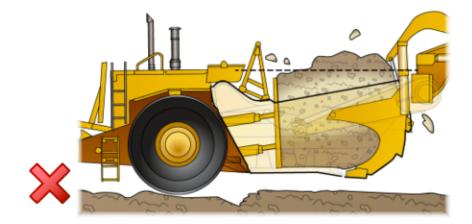
## Which engine do you start first on a scraper with two engines?

Start the tractor engine first.



## When shouldn't you use the ejector?

Don't use the ejector when the bowl is full or the apron is closed.



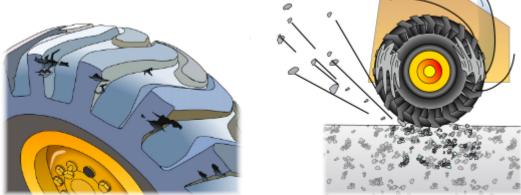
## What extra brake does a scraper have?

The emergency or parking brake.



## What is the risk when the tyres are slipping on shale or rock?

The tyres could be damaged, or the tyre tread could wear faster.

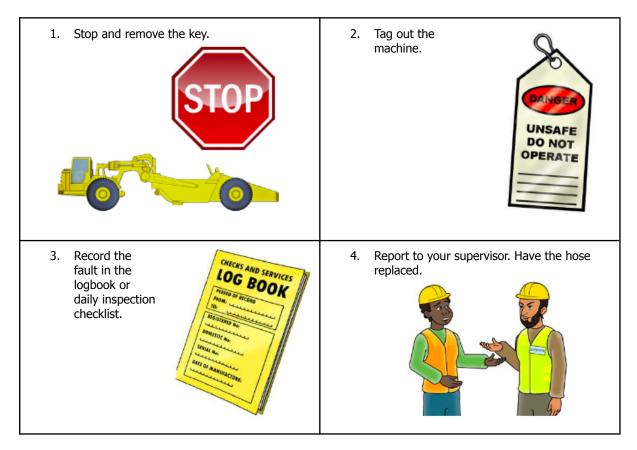


## Where can you find out the specifications and limits of the scraper?

From your employer and the operator's manual.



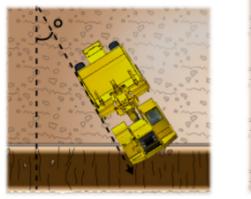
## You are using the scraper and a hydraulic hose starts to squirt fluid. What do you do?

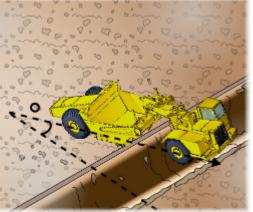


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## How do you safely cross a ditch?

Cross the ditch at an angle and go slowly.





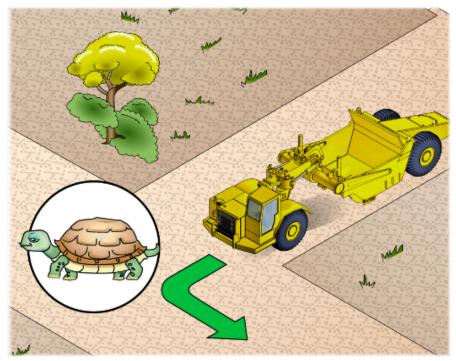
## Which is harder to excavate and load, top soil or clay? Why is this?

Clay. Clay is denser and does not break up as easily as top soil.



## How do you safely turn a corner?

Slow right down to a safe speed.



## What do you use the retarder for?

The retarder helps control the speed of the scraper when you're on a slope. You should use it instead of the service brake.



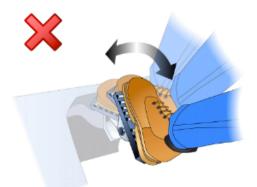
## How do you travel down a steep slope safely?

Slow down using the service brake or retarder. Choose the right gear for the slope. Travel slowly down the slope.



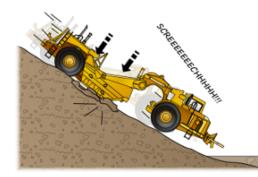


On a machine with air brakes, fanning the brake pedal might use up the brake air pressure too quickly. Avoid fanning the brake pedal.



## You're going down a slope and the brakes and retarder fail. How can you stop the scraper?

Lower the bowl and put the blade into the ground.



## 2.2.3 Table of Weight of Common Materials

1000 kilograms = 1 tonne

Examples of the approximate weight of different materials:
1 cubic metre of water = 1 metric tonne
1 cubic metre of earth = $1.9$ metric tonnes
1 cubic metre of clay = 1.9 metric tonnes
1 cubic metre of dry beach sand = $2.0$ metric tonnes
1 cubic metre of concrete = 2.4 metric tonnes
1 cubic metre of coal ash = $.08 (8/10)$ of a metric tonne
25 bags of cement (40 kg each) = 1 metric tonne
1000 common bricks = 4 metric tonnes
1 cubic metre of steel = 7.3 metric tonnes
1 cubic metre of copper = 9 metric tonnes
1 cubic metre of lead = 11.4 metric tonnes



# Which safety devices on a scraper protect you from being crushed if it rolls over?

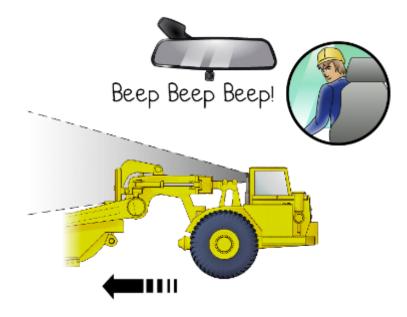
The roll over protective structure (ROPS) and the seat belt. Always wear the seat belt when using a scraper!





## How do you safely move a scraper that has been parked?

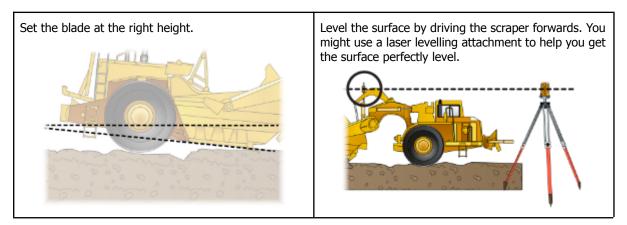
- Beep/sound horn once (×1) to start the engine (wait 5 seconds)
- Beep/sound horn two times (×2) to go forward (wait 5 seconds)
- Beep/sound horn three times (×3) to reverse (wait 5 seconds). Do this even if you have reversing alarms. Check mirrors. Look over both shoulders and check for a clear path.



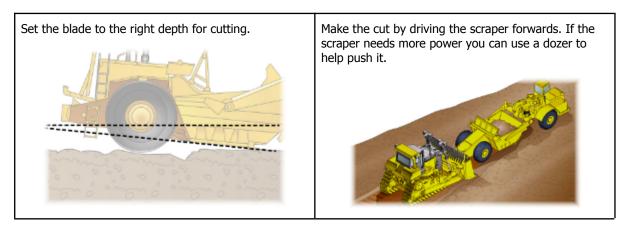
## What does this hand signal shown here mean?

Stop	
Motion	Hand signal
STOP	

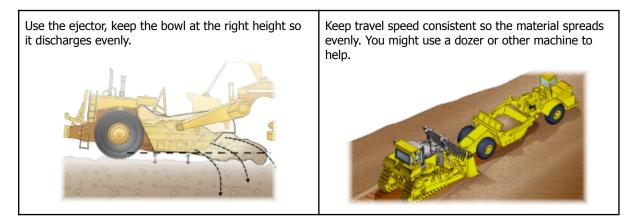
## How do you level a surface using a scraper?



## How do you cut a surface using a scraper?



## How do you spread material evenly?



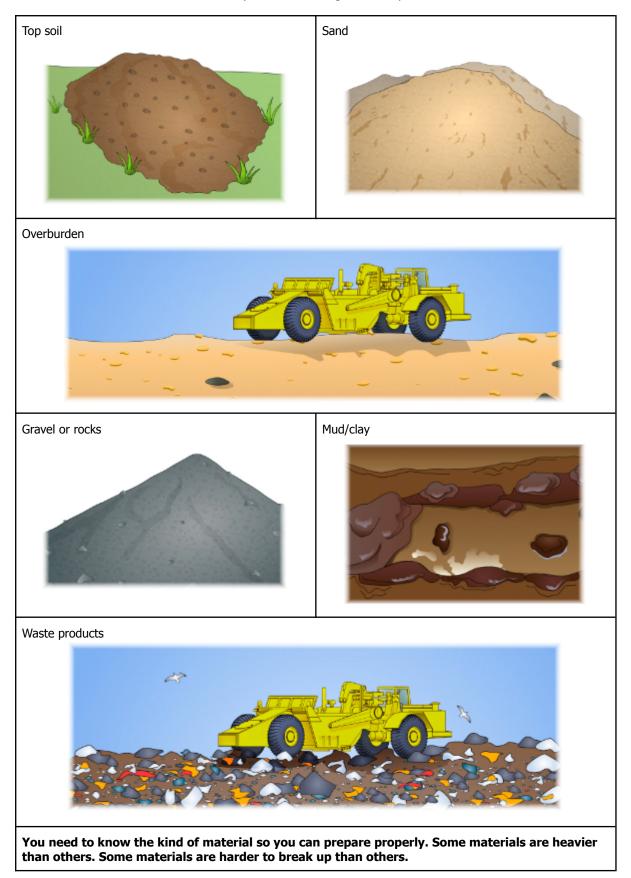
## If the scraper is having trouble cutting and loading soil, what can you do?

Use a dozer to help push the scraper.

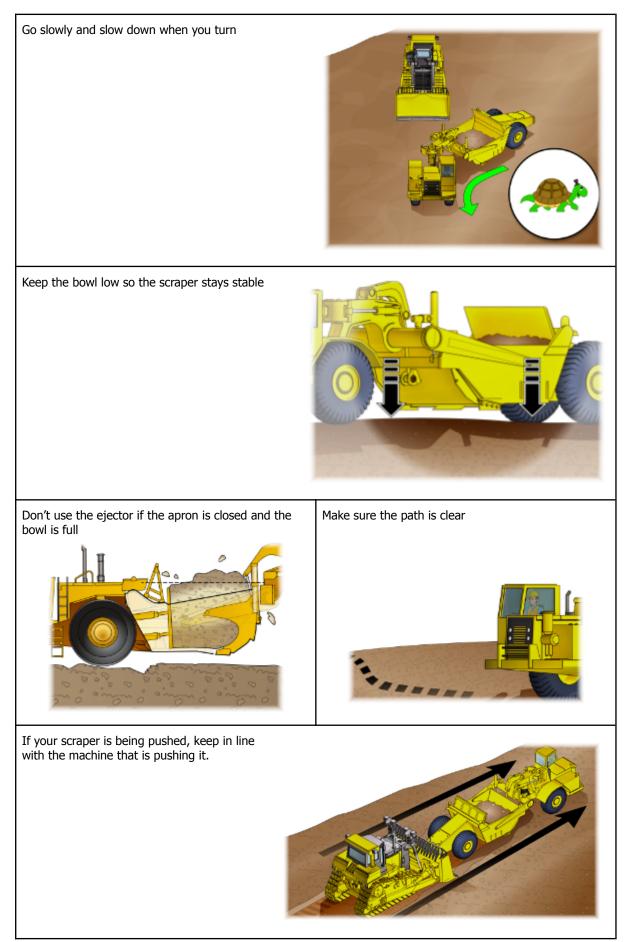


## What do you need to know before loading materials?

You need to find out what kind of material you will be loading. For example:



After the material is loaded, you need to transport it. What do you need to do when transporting material?



## Before you haul a load, what do you do if you have to travel over a rough surface?

On your first pass use the blade of the bowl to level your path. If there is a grader on site you might be able to get the path graded.



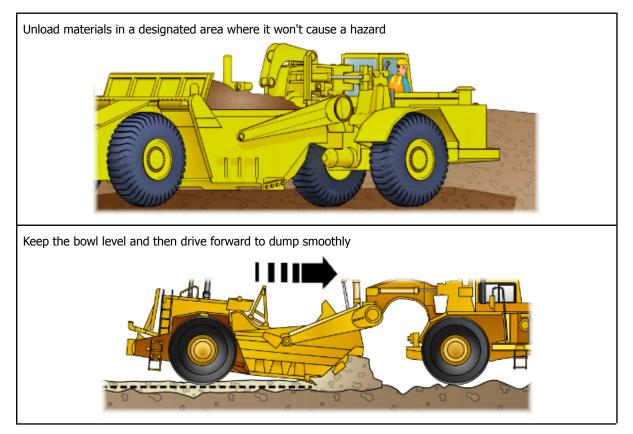


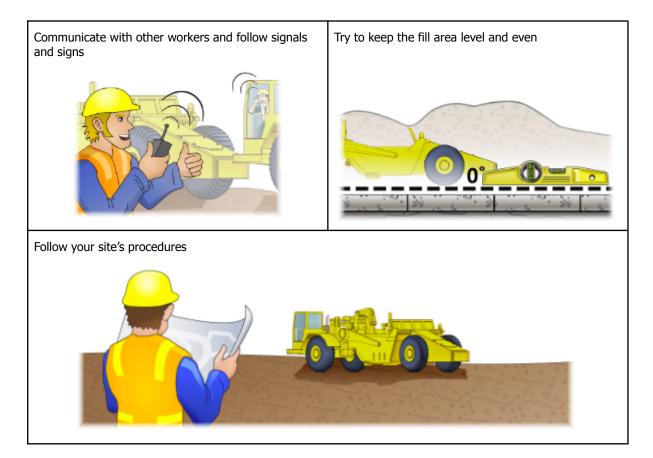
## What do you need to check before unloading materials?

Check the site's plan. It will explain what kinds of materials can be unloaded and where.



## How do you unload material safely?





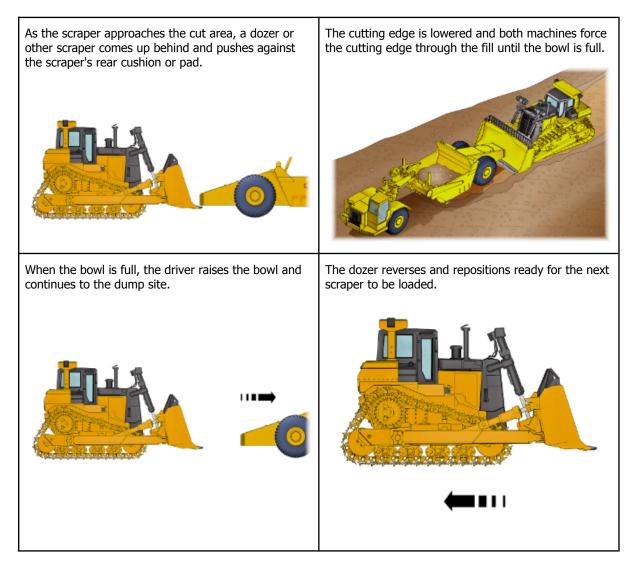
## **2.3 Couple Machines**

## 2.3.1 Push Type Loading

Scrapers load by dragging or forcing a cutting blade through the soil to be lifted and moved. This requires a lot of power to be transferred through the drive wheels. With the bowl resting on the ground, weight on the drive wheels is reduced and so is the traction.

To assist a scraper to fully load, it needs more force on the cutting edge. This can be gained by having another machine like a dozer or scraper push from behind.

How does a scraper get pushed?



## 2.3.2 Coupling Self Propelled Scrapers for Push-pull Loading

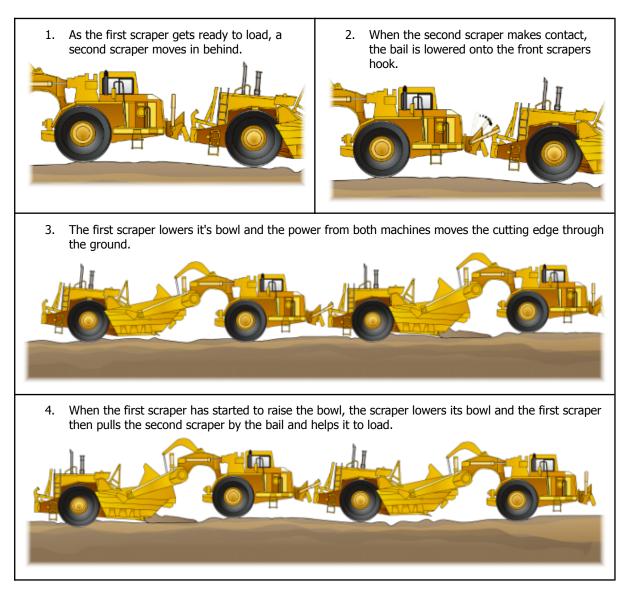
Scrapers are usually only coupled during loading.

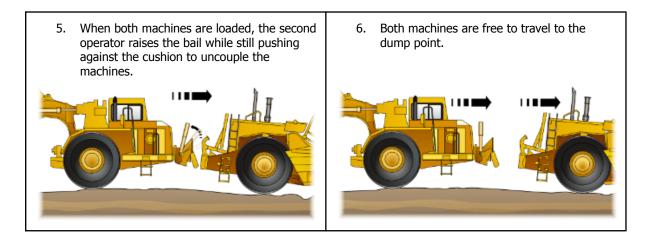
There is usually no verbal communication between operator's who are conducting push-pull operations. Practice will make the coupling, uncoupling and pushing a smooth action. The pusher should travel at a speed which will allow the machine to catch up but not collide with the scraper.



## 2.3.3 Push-pull Loading

Push-pull loading using two scrapers is much more efficient. Both machines are productive as the pusher has no waiting time. How does push-pull loading work?



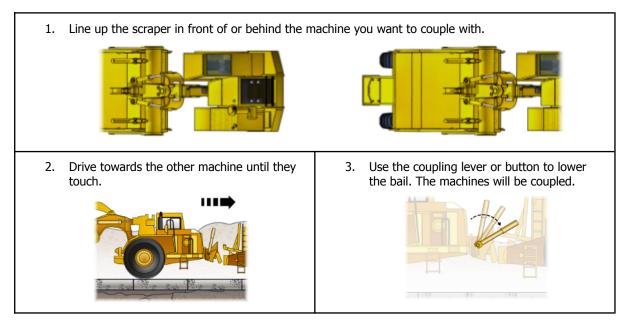


## What should you do before coupling machines?

Keep people clear of the area, especially between the machines. There is a risk someone could be crushed.

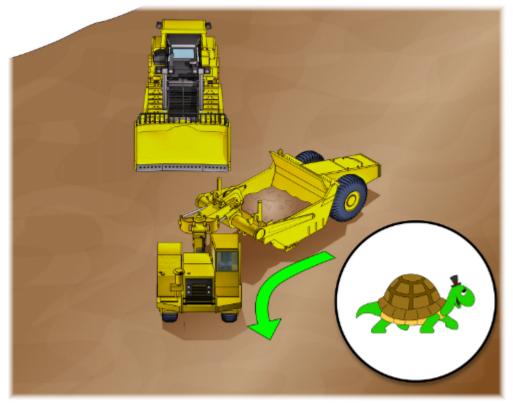


## How do you couple a scraper with another machine?



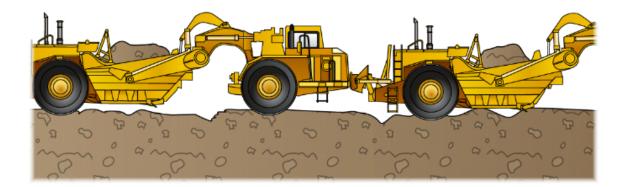
## How does each scraper driver know when the pusher driver is ready to help them load?

The pusher driver will reverse into positon ready for the scraper. As the pusher starts to move forward and lowers the bowl, this signals the next scraper driver to move in and start loading.



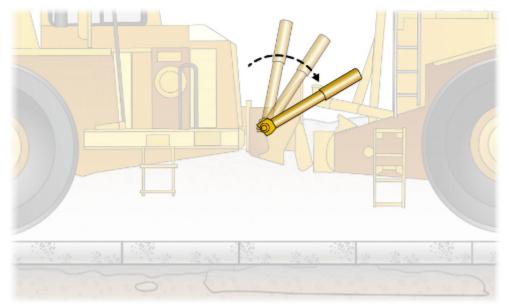
## 2.3.4 Using Coupled Scrapers to Make A Cut

- 1. The front scraper makes the first cut while the back scraper pushes the front scraper forwards.
- 2. The front scraper makes the first cut while the back scraper pushes the front scraper forwards.



# How does the pusher driver know when to operate the bail to connect scrapers in a push-pull loading operation?

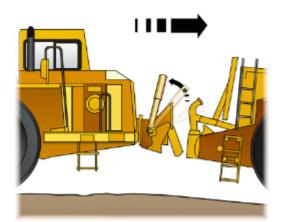
The operator would engage the bail as soon as the pusher makes contact with the scraper.



## How does the rear scraper know when to disconnect the bail?

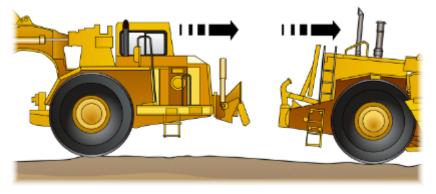
As soon as they lift the bowl out of contact with the ground and their scraper is no longer being pulled and it starts to push again. This is when the bail is raised.





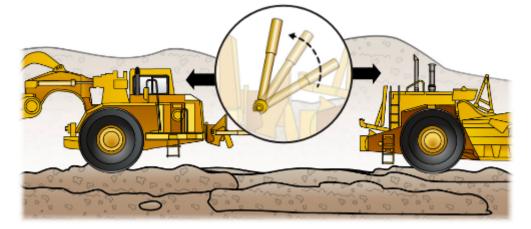
## How is the pushing machine contact disconnected?

The scraper will move away from the pusher machine when no push is felt. This means the bail has been released.



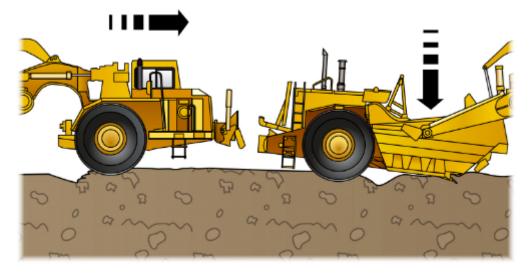
# The bowls are full and you need to empty them. Why do you disengage and separate the scrapers first?

It's safer and easier to travel and dump the load when the scrapers are not coupled.



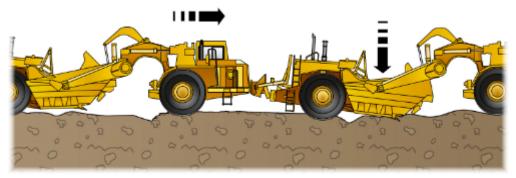
## How does the pusher driver know when to push the scraper?

When the bowl of the scraper starts to lower, the pusher moves up and makes contact with the cushion.



## How does the scraper driver communicate with the pusher driver?

The scraper driver communicates by actions. When the bowl starts to lower, this signals the pusher driver to move in and start pushing.

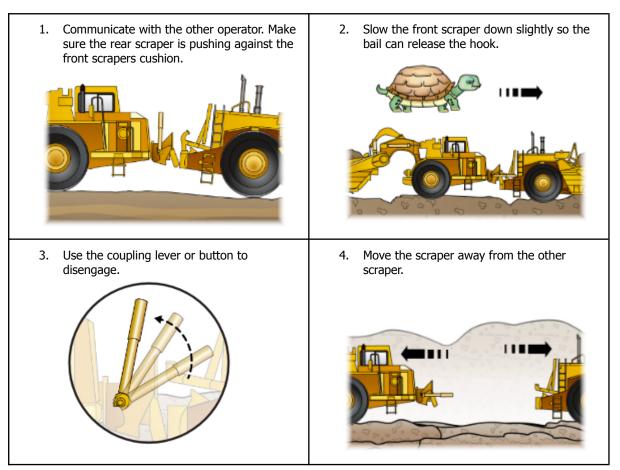


## How does the scraper driver signal the pusher driver to stop pushing?

When the bowl starts to raise, this signals the pusher driver to slow down and stop pushing.

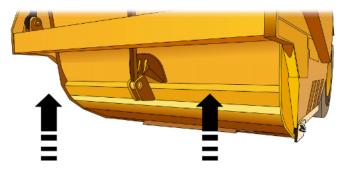


## When the scraper bowls are full, you should disengage the scrapers. How do you do this?

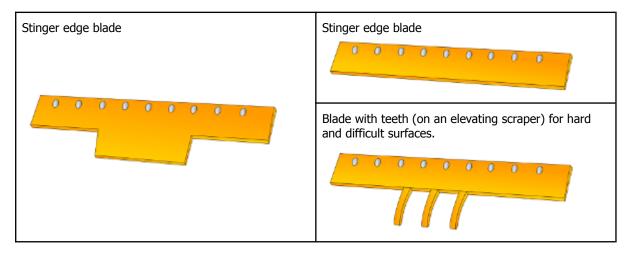


## How does the pusher driver know when to stop pushing?

When the pusher driver sees the bowl start to lift.



## What kinds of blade attachments might you use on a scraper bowl?



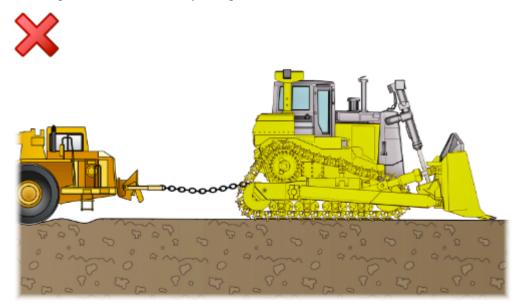
## Where can you find out the limits of the attachment?

In the operator's manual which should come with the attachment.

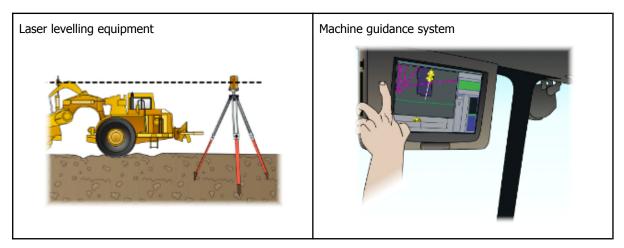


## Can a tow chain be attached to the bail to tow the scraper?

No, the bail is designed to connect two scrapers together.

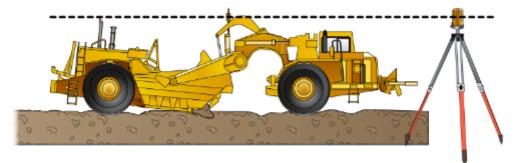


## What attachments do scrapers use?



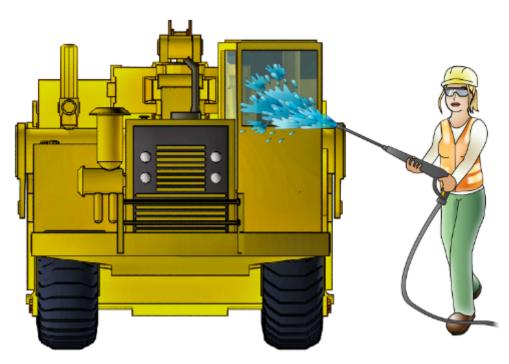
## What is laser levelling equipment used for?

A laser beam is sent from the tripod to the receiver for the scraper blade. This maintains the cut height.



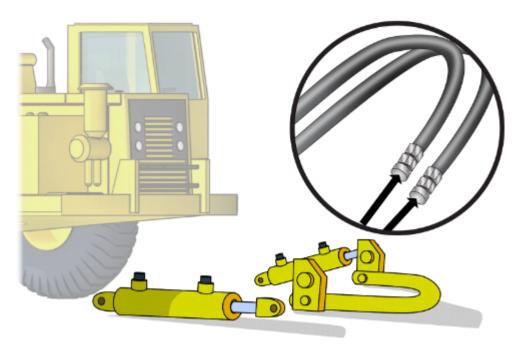
## What must you do with attachments before storing them?

Clean them.



## If you removed the bail attachment from the scraper, how would you prepare it for storage?

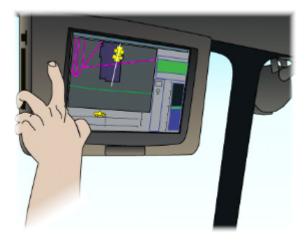
- 1. Clean all soil, dirt and oil from the bail.
- 2. Plug any open hydraulic fittings.
- 3. Cover the attachment to prevent weather damage if needed.
- 4. Secure any hoses that are left on the machine.



## What does a scraper use a machine guidance system for?

A GPS signal is sent to the machine to:

- Help the operator position the machine for the cut
- Keep the machine in position during the cut or dumping.



## Where do you store attachments, such as blades, after you've finished using them?

Your worksite should have a designated storage area for attachments. Ask your supervisor or a workmate.

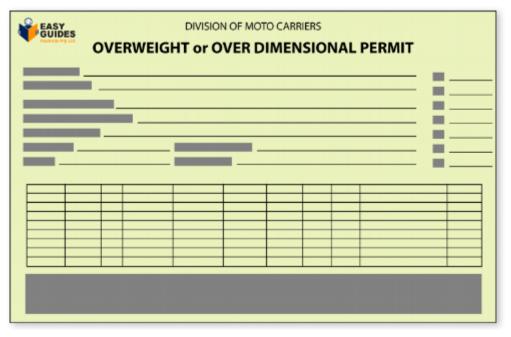




## 2.4 Relocate the Scraper

Most scrapers exceed the legal vehicle width for road travel. What must you do to legally drive a scraper on a public road?

Get an over dimensional (wide load) permit.



# Scrapers are very heavy and may exceed the load ratings of bridges etc. What must you do before driving the scraper on a public road?

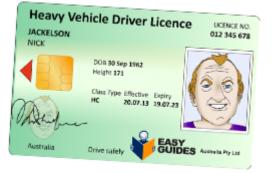
Check with your local transport authority (for example, VicRoads or the RTA).

Also, if the scraper is unregistered, you will need an unregistered vehicle permit.



## What kind of licence do you need to drive a scraper weighing over 4.5 tonnes on a public road?

In most states/territories you will need a heavy vehicle licence. For example, a light rigid (LR) licence for 4.5 – 8 tonnes (8.5 in some states). Check the rules for your state/territory.



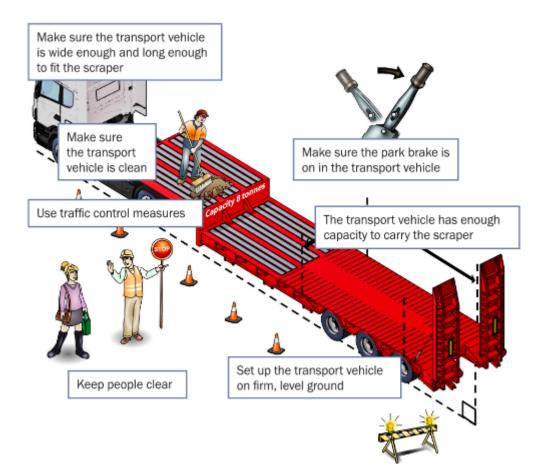
## Before you drive on a public road, what checks do you make on the scraper?

Make sure the scraper is roadworthy, and it is registered for road use. All brake lights, indicator lights, horn etc must be in working order.

Note: If the scraper is not registered you may be able to get an unregistered vehicle permit. Check with your relevant state/territory authority.

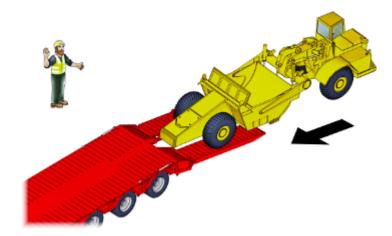


A scraper is to be transported. How is the preparation done by the person responsible?



## Which way should the scraper face when loaded on to the vehicle?

The axle loadings of the vehicle will control which way the scraper will face. Talk to the vehicle driver about the axle loadings of the vehicle.



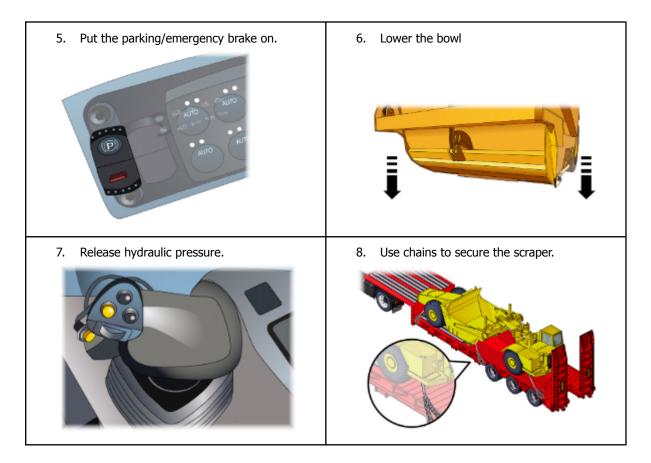
## How would the scraper driver find the weight of the scraper?

From the operator's manual or from the manufacturer's information.

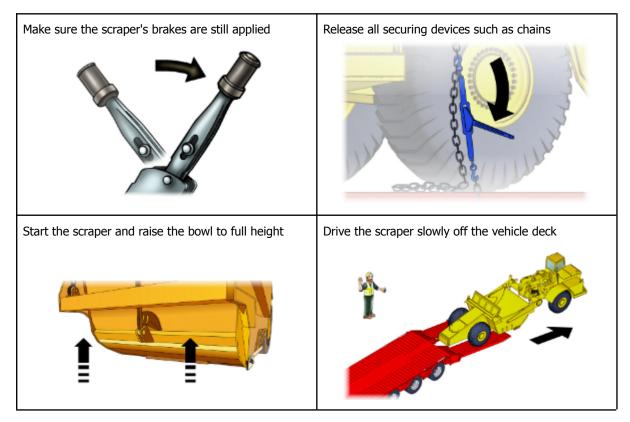


# 1. Raise the bowl 2. Line up the scraper with the ramps of the transport vehicle. Image: Constraint of the scraper on to the transport vehicle. Image: Constraint of the transport vehicle. 3. Guide the scraper on to the transport vehicle. 4. Get the scraper driven on to the transport vehicle. Image: Constraint of the transport vehicle.

#### How is a scraper loaded on to the transport vehicle?

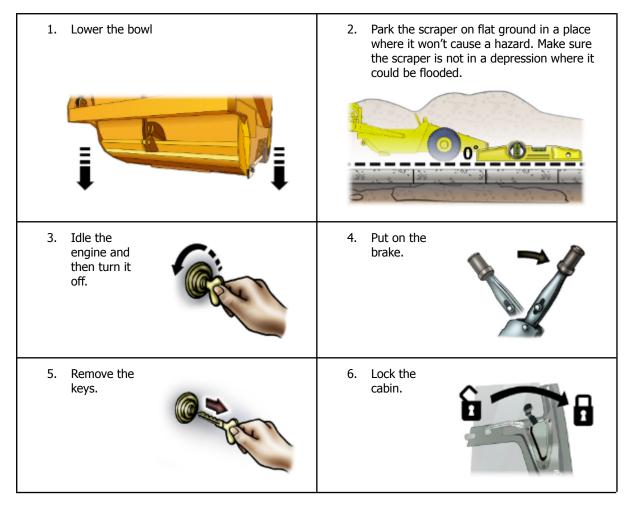


## How is a scraper unloaded from a transport vehicle?



# **2.5 Carry Out Machine Operator Maintenance**

## What steps do you take when shutting down the scraper?



## Why should you remove the keys from the scraper when leaving it parked?

To stop unauthorised people using the machine.

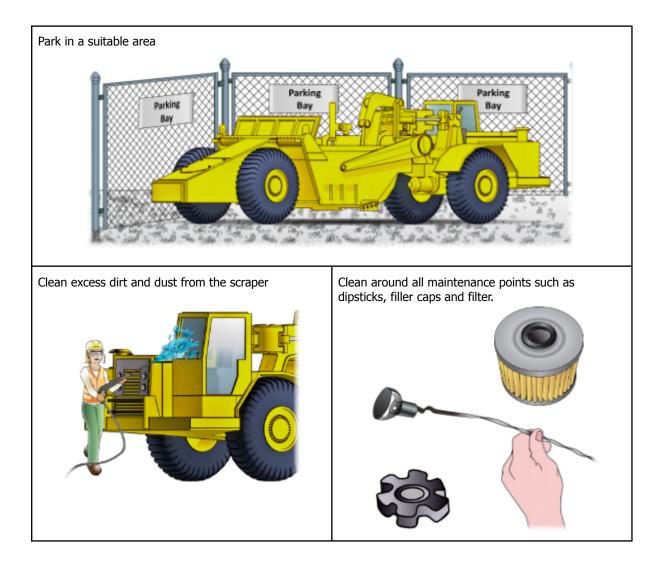


## How do you secure the site to stop unauthorised people getting in?

Set up fences and barricades. If possible, lock the site.



### How do you prepare for scraper maintenance?



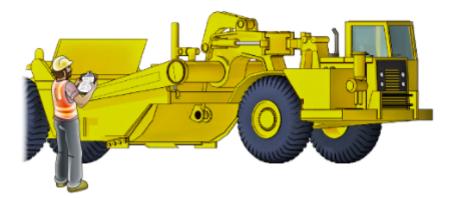
## What do you do if you need to park the scraper next to a road?

Put up barricades, lights and warning signs to alert people and vehicles nearby.

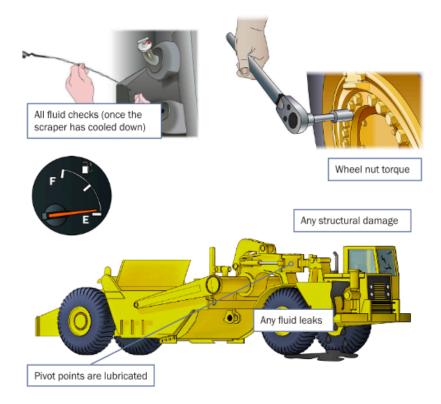


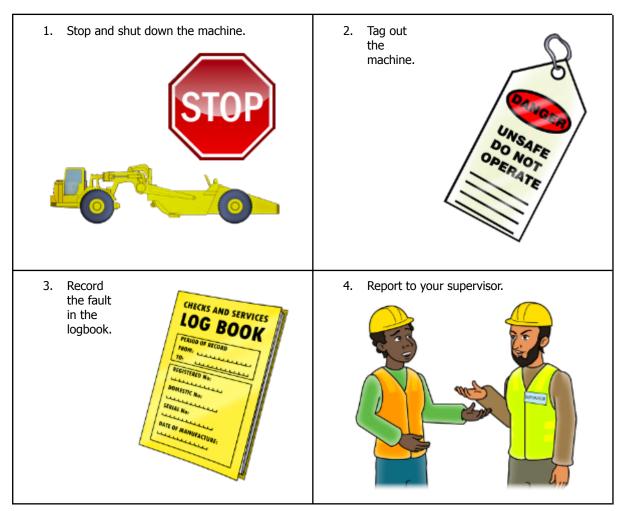
#### When do you test and inspect the scraper?

Every day. Always test and inspect before you use the scraper. You do this to make sure it's safe to use.



You need to make sure the machine is safe to use for the next person. What post-operational checks do you do after you've finished using the scraper?

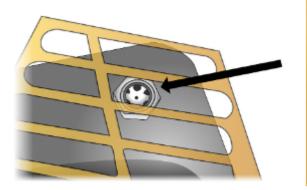




# What do you do if you find a fault with the scraper? For example, you might see a bulge in a hydraulic hose.

## You're refilling the hydraulic storage tank. Why should you leave some space in the top?

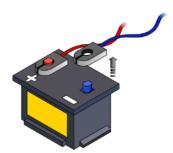
Leaving some space in the top gives the hydraulic fluid room to expand when it heats up.



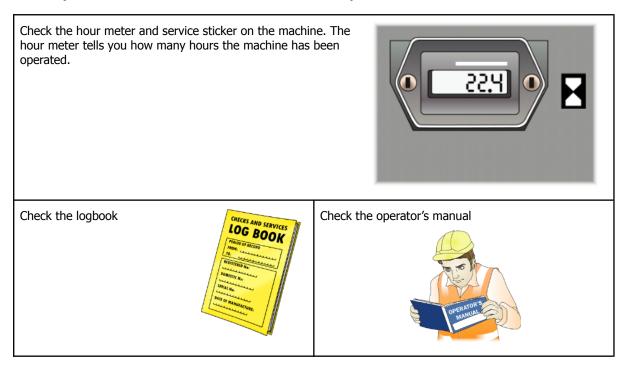


## You want to change the battery. Which cable do you disconnect first, positive or negative?

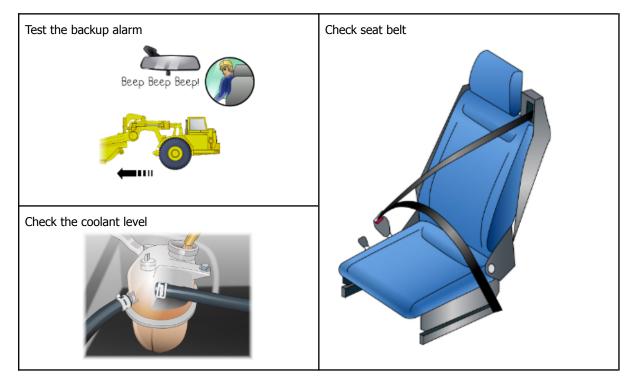
Negative (earth).

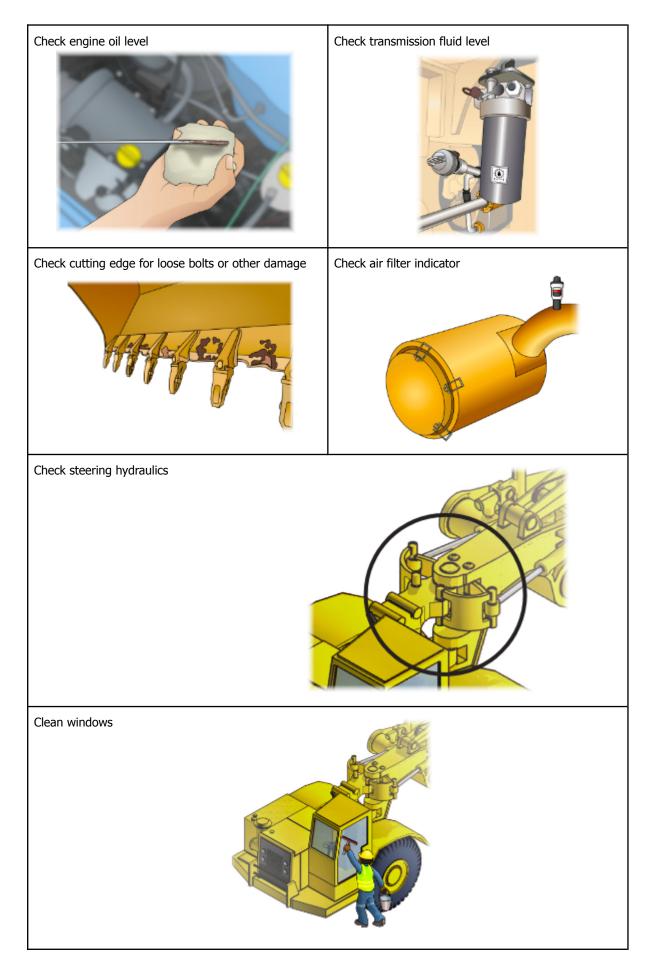


## How do you know when and what to service on the scraper?

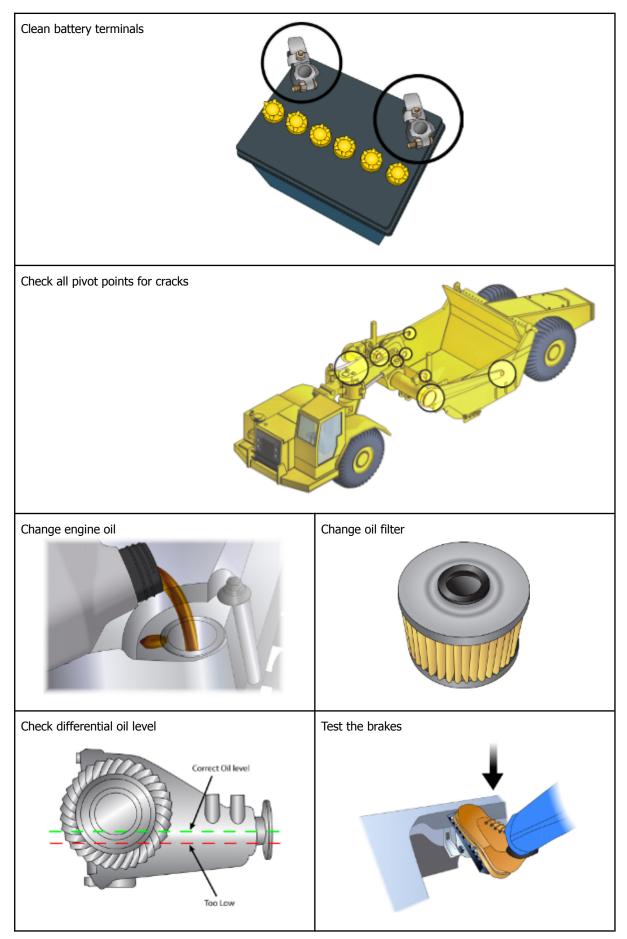


## What are some examples of maintenance you would do every 10 service hours?

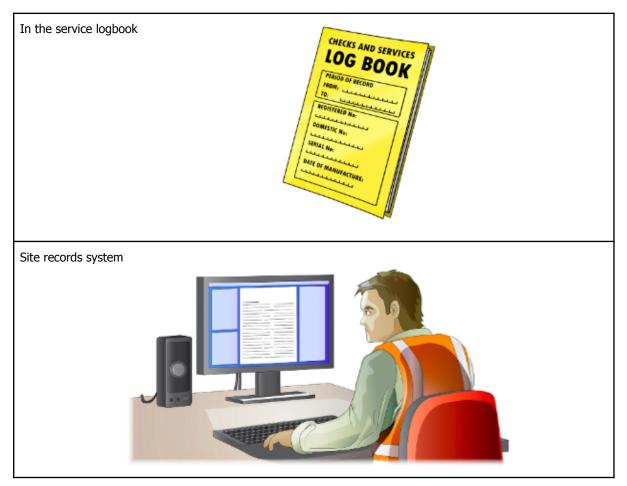




## What are some examples of maintenance you might do every month?



## Where are maintenance records kept?



# **2.6 Conduct Housekeeping Activities**

## 2.6.1 Clean Up

## 2.6.1.1 Recycling Items

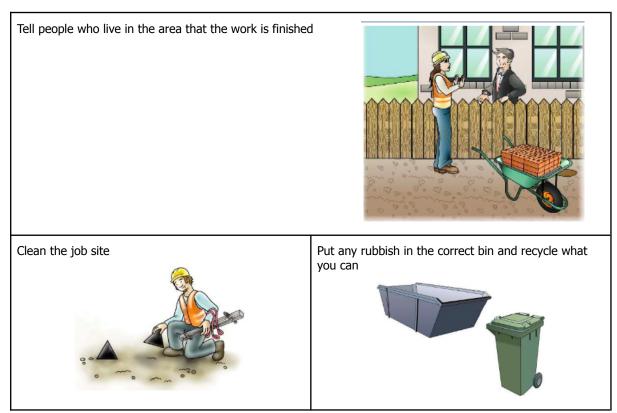
Many environmentally sensitive items can be recycled. Items such as batteries, oil and gas cylinders can sometimes be recycled and reused. Some oils can be taken to a recycling centre. With oil, bring your materials to the recycling centre in a clean, plastic container with a lid. The original container is a good container to return the oil in.

## 2.6.1.2 Pressure Clean

You may need to pressure clean the wheels, tyres, or attachments.



## After you've finished the job, what should you do?



## What instructions do you follow when cleaning up?

The environmental management plan and site procedures.



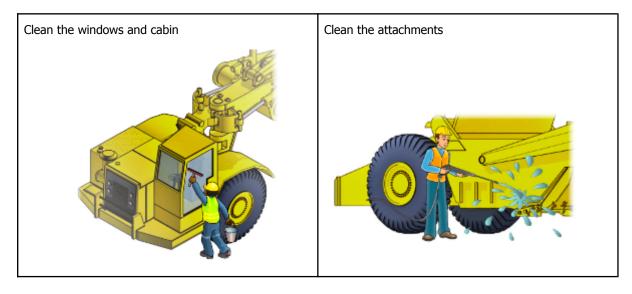


## What is the danger of leaving earth and rocks around the work site?

Someone might trip on a rock and be injured. Rocks left on the road can damage cars.



What do you have to clean on the scraper?



## What do you do with other equipment and tools you've used?

Clean tools and equipment, and put them back in their place.



# Where do you record the work done when repairing and maintaining service equipment during cleaning up the service area?

Enter all repairs and maintenance on equipment in the site specific record book or system.





# Where do you record the materials, parts and lubricants used when servicing machines and equipment?

In the site specific record books or record keeping systems.

