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# Avoid the Bight: Stay "In the Clear"





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Being "In the Bight" is a way of saying that where you are located, you are potentially exposed to danger. Staying in the clear is important at all times.

Over time, it is very easy for a person to become complacent with their surroundings or tasks, and that can result in exposure to a hazardous situation.

Being careful to make sure you and your co-workers are always in the clear is necessary to ensure everyone can complete their task and make it home safely at the end of the shift.



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Being in the clear means staying out of the line of fire, or avoiding the path of heavy objects or a potential release of energy.



To review a WorkSafeBC investigation of a fatality that resulted from a worker being “in the bight,” visit <http://www.worksafebcmedia.com/media/fss/grapple/player/grapple.html>



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? So what can I do? ?  
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The key to avoiding injury is to recognize the risk and develop a safe solution before an incident occurs. Using the RADAR approach is one way to do this.

## RADAR

Recognize and **A**ssess the risk, **D**evelop a plan, **A**ct safely, and **R**eport





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## Recognize the Risk

**R**ecognize

Always be aware of the “upset condition.” Maintain a sense of awareness on your job and surroundings..... you need to know when something changes or conditions are becoming hazardous. Are you “in the bight?”

**A**ssess

**D**evelop

**A**ct

**R**eport



The worker in the photo should also be wearing a hardhat with a secure chinstrap.



## Assess the Situation... Stop & Think

**R**ecognize

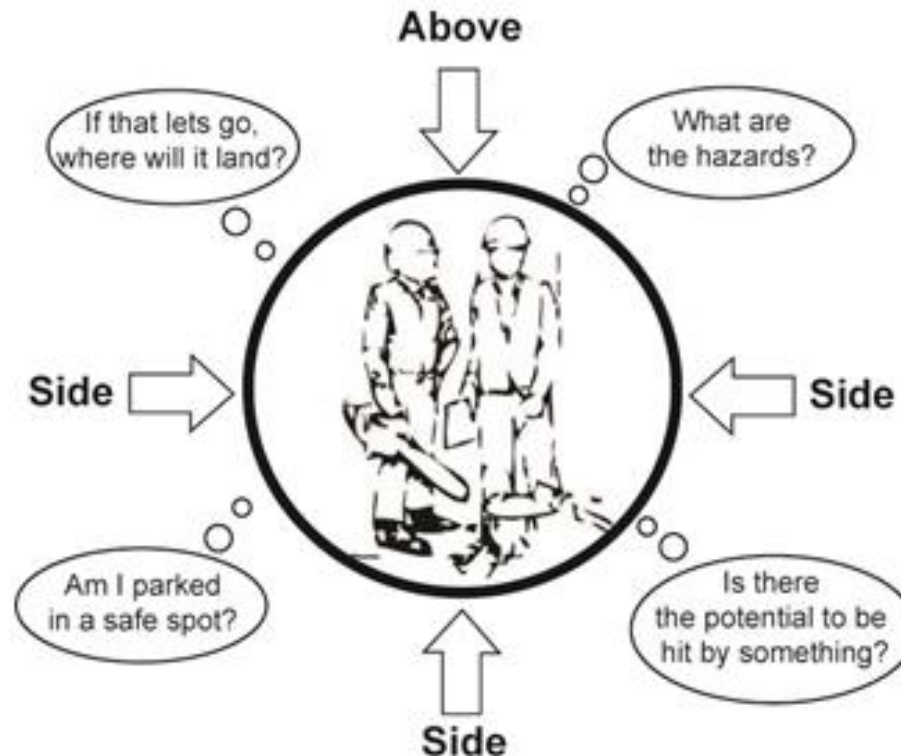
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When the upset condition is noticed....STOP!  
Take note of all the possible hazards in you work area.....new hazards may exist.





## Develop a safe solution

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**R***eport*

Develop a plan for dealing with an unexpected or upset condition. If you create a good plan and follow it, the task can be finished safely. If you are unsure, ask for assistance.







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## Act safely to fix the problem

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**D***evelop*

**A***ct*

**R***eport*

If something changes while you are fixing the upset condition, **STOP** and re-think the solution. The plan may need to change to keep you or your co-workers safe.







## Report and record the upset condition

**R***ecognize*

Don't forget to report and record the upset condition. Reporting is a critical step in the correction of the procedures or circumstances that led to the upset condition.

**A***ssess*

**D***evelop*

**A***ct*

**R***eport*

Incident or Close Call Reporting Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Reported by: \_\_\_\_\_



## As **safety leaders**, it is up to us... every day

**R***ecognize*

- Encourage workers to use safe work practices and incorporate RADAR into your safety systems

**A***ssess*

- When you are on the job, take note of possible hazards and develop an action plan to correct the hazards

**D***evelop*

- When hazards are identified, ensure they are communicated to workers

**A***ct*

**R***eport*

For more information on RADAR including posters, crew talks and information on how you can use it in your safety management system visit: [www.bcforestsafe.org/RADAR](http://www.bcforestsafe.org/RADAR)