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1. Introduction:

1.1 Site plant and equipment can range from dump trucks to cranes. It can be static or mobile and can be used for a variety of purposes. Whilst all such plant is beneficial to construction, if used incorrectly, it can pose a hazard if used incorrectly and misused, leading to serious injuries.

2. Main Points:

2.1 Operators of powered equipment must be trained in its use.
 2.2 All such plant and equipment must be maintained in safe working order and subject to formal inspection.
 2.3 All safety aids, such as lights, must be used.

3. Points to remember

3.1 Familiarise yourself with the manufacturer's instructions.
 3.2 Consider any risks to yourself and others when using plant and equipment.
 3.3 Carry out visual checks for damage/defects prior to use. If in doubt, do not use but report the defect.
 3.4 Control access/use of equipment. Never leave unattended/unsecured.
 3.5 Do not carry passengers unless specifically designed for such.
 3.6 Consider use of barriers, speed limits, one way systems etc. Always comply with site rules.
 3.7 Consider exhaust emissions. Should they be vented out?
 3.8 Consider use of barriers to protect others from risks.
 3.9 Route electrical cables safely. Protect from damp and damage (suspend).
 3.10 Lock off/chock wheels when stationary (mobile tower scaffolds etc).
 3.11 Ensure any warning devices (lights, horns etc) are functioning correctly.
 3.12 Ensure any safety limits are observed (SWL's, maximum speeds etc).

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