



## **Backing/Spotter Procedures**

When operating any vehicle larger than a general purpose pickup (1/2 ton, 3/4 ton), the following practices must be followed, any deviation is grounds for immediate dismissal from location:

- A spotter must be used when backing a special purpose vehicle on any SandRidge location (regardless of distance) to ensure safety during the maneuver.
- Spotters will be used for ANY movement in congested or overhead obstruction areas.
- Spotters will maintain 100% visual contact with the operator during all maneuvers.
- If multiple personnel are assisting, identify a primary spotter and focus on the direction given.
- All personnel, regardless of certifications, are required to perform the procedures below:
  - o A spotter will be utilized EVERYTIME backing operations or operating in congested areas is required.
  - o If visibility with spotter is lost or operator is unclear of direction, halt the maneuver.
  - o Any personnel observing a vehicle backing without a spotter will use "Stop Work Authority" and offer assistance as a spotter.
  - o If the vehicle is not equipped with a back up warning device, the operator must sound the horn to signal a vehicle is backing in the area.
- The operator's successful completion of a maneuver depends on the active/attentive assistance of a spotter and use of hand signals. The following procedures will be followed when spotting:
  - o Use clear and obvious hand signals at all times (recommended signals attached).
  - o Discuss signals before attempting the maneuver.
  - o Maintain 100% visual contact with the operator (through the mirror).
  - o Do not spot while walking. If body repositioning is required, halt the maneuver and readjust before continuing.
  - o Ensure position is not directly in the path of the vehicle (as to not be pinned).

Operators should never assume the spotter is signaling. If the operator is not certain of instructions given, the maneuver should be halted. Additionally, the vehicle should be halted while the operator is not concentrating directly on the spotter (to include checking another mirror). Spotter will refrain from distractions (talking to other personnel) while assisting operators.