

BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

THE PROVISION AND USE OF WORK EQUIPMENT
REGULATIONS 1998

WEARING OF SEAT BELTS IN VEHICLES

Background

A number of accidents have resulted in operators attempting to jump clear of an unstable machine and being struck by the Roll Over Protection System (ROPS) or being thrown about the cab of the machine during a roll over. Injuries sustained are usually major, causing entrapment and crushing type injuries.

Regulations

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 requires employers to provide safe plant and machinery and this includes all vehicles and heavy plant. The Provision and use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 supports this requirement in that all new vehicles now supplied are to be fitted with seat belts, and where practical, these should be worn.

The Health and Safety at work Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 imposes duties on employees to use all machinery, equipment and safety devices as trained or instructed. Therefore, where vehicles are fitted with seat belts they must be worn, unless the job you are doing specifically precludes their use.

In line with current vehicle training, and the Regulations and Act referred to above, the policy of this company is that all vehicle operators must wear seat belts if fitted.

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