



WHITMAN COLLEGE™

Backhoe Safety

PRE-OPERATION

- Authorized operators only
- Operators must be familiar with the equipment
- Perform pre-operation checks in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
 - Report defects and deficiencies
 - Remove unsafe equipment from service
- Check job site conditions
 - Utility Locate (markings present and <45 days old)
 - Excavation Safety (shoring/sloping, fall protection)
 - Clearance
 - Stationary objects
 - Power lines (operation within 10' requires safety watch)
 - Roadways and walkways

SERVICE

- Service tires in accordance with WAC **296-864**
- Shut equipment off, lower bucket/boom, set brakes, and set controls to neutral before servicing unless otherwise required
- Block or crib suspended equipment and parts before working under them

OPERATING

- Travel safely to the job site
 - Follow traffic rules on public streets
 - Trailer equipment to job sites outside “Golf Cart Zone”
- Clear and protect the work area
 - Consider using a safety watch person in congested/constricted areas
- Be aware of weather
- Watch for emergent conditions
 - Reassess site setup and safety if conditions change or unexpected conditions occur
- Safety video available upon request from EHS