YOUR MISSION: **Know basic spotter signals**

Basic Hand Signals for equipment other than cranes

- **Turn** — One arm pointing the direction to turn with the other arm motioning to move back or forward, with palm either facing back or forward.

- **Straight Back** — Both hands above the head, waving back.

- **Slow** — Both hands to the front with palms facing downwards; raise and lower hands.

- **Distance** — Both hands to the front with palms facing, moving them closer together, indicate distance to stop with hands.

- **Stop** — Both arms straight out in front with palms facing away.

*(Other similar signals may be used as long as all involved are using and understanding the same signals)*

Note: these signals are given from the prospective of the operator/driver is watching the spotter in the side mirrors.

Should use reflective gloves and/or flashlight with red-orange cones to better be seen.
REMEMBER

- Stand alone, do not allow anyone to congregate around you.
- No cell phone or similar distractions.
- If you cannot see the driver’s face in the mirror, have them STOP until you do.
- Use both hands to spot the driver with large exaggerated motions.
- Watch for crush points behind you such as other vehicles, equipment, utility poles, etc.
- **Always** have an escape route.
- Never turn your back on traffic, including construction equipment.
- Finally the **MOST IMPORTANT RULE** – if something changes, **STOP the driver/operator first**. Then address the problem.

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