



## WHY IS THIS A RISK?



WEARING EARBUDS, HEADPHONES OR USING A PHONE IN CLIENT, TRAFFIC OR OPERATIONAL AREAS CAN STOP YOU FROM HEARING IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS & WARNING SOUNDS

## YOU'RE AT RISK:



**Increased risk of being struck or seriously injured** by moving vehicles or plant equipment.



**Not hearing alarms or emergency signals** including evacuation instructions.



**Delayed response to hazards** or changing site conditions.



**Not hearing instructions** from supervisors, clients, or other workers.



**Reduced awareness** increases the chance of serious injury or fatality.



**Not hearing vehicles, forklift, reversing alarms** or plant equipment moving around you.

## IF YOU CAN'T HEAR IT YOU CAN'T REACT

Approx **80%** of all **traumatic work fatalities** are in industries with **dynamic physical surroundings** that demand **CONSTANT SITUATIONAL MONITORING**

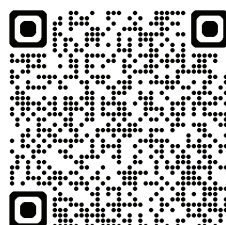
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### PRE-START CONTROLS:

- ✓ **Remove earbuds/headphones & put your phone away** before entering work, client, or traffic areas.
- ✓ **Ensure you can clearly hear** instructions, alarms, vehicles, plant or other hazards.
- ✓ **Stay alert & aware** of your surroundings.
- ✓ **Use audio devices only in designated office areas** or break areas.
- ✓ **Speak up** if you see someone wearing earbuds/headphones or using a phone in a work area.
- ✓ **Reach out** if you need hearing protection, then correct protection should be worn.

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FOR VAE'S SWP:  
WORKING AROUND  
MOBILE PLANTS



**REMOVE EARBUDS  
& HEADPHONES.  
STAY AWARE.  
STAY ALIVE.**