

SAFELY EXTRACTING STUCK VEHICLES

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Getting stuck is a common occurrence.
When it happens, stay calm & remain focused.

Before starting extraction, walk around vehicle and then confirm:

- ✓ Tow vehicle is at least as heavy as the stuck vehicle
- ✓ Straps/chains & clevises are rated for the vehicle weight
- ✓ Safe connection is to a low point that is a structural member
 - ✓ Where the **Clear Zone** is located

Before starting, check in with others or have another person assist you.

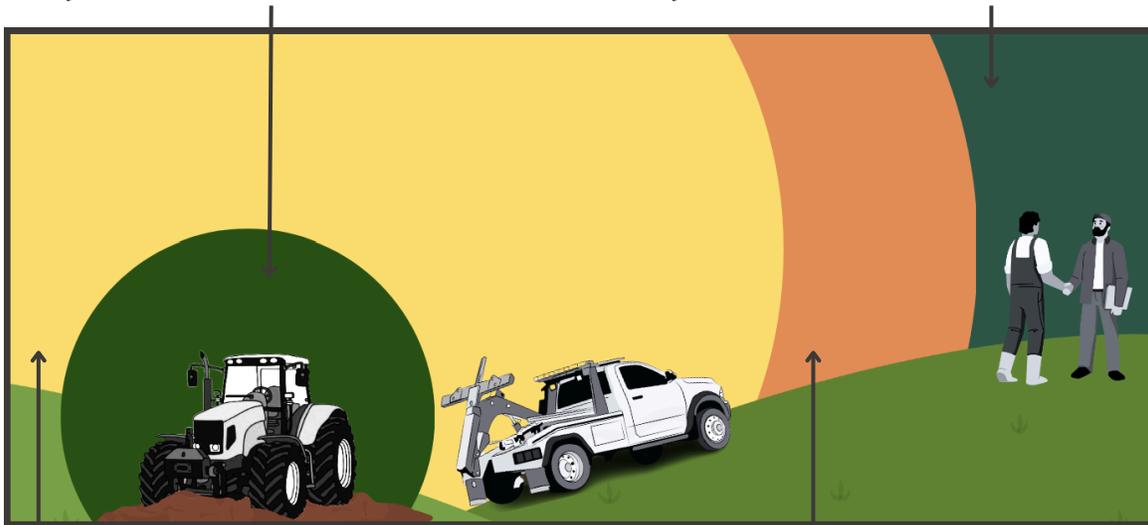
KNOW YOUR ZONES

STUCK ZONE

Area surrounding the stuck equipment.
The deeper a vehicle is stuck, the more force you will need to extract it.

CLEAR ZONE

Safe area outside of danger zone.
Once the slack is pulled out of the strap/chain, everyone should be moved to the clear zone.



TOW ZONE

Area surrounding the tow vehicle.
If possible, position the tow vehicle on higher, solid ground.

DANGER ZONE

Area surrounding the stuck & tow vehicle.
Straps/chains can break causing flying debris that can strike something or someone.