



## Guideline for Safe Orchard Load pad Operation

One of the significant risks during harvest is pedestrian interaction with mobile plant. It is essential that all practicable steps are taken to keep workers safe.

The below diagrams show good practice when loading / unloading and working around mobile plant.



A **NO GO ZONE** extends 3 metres from the sides of the tractor, trailer and 3metres on all sides from the forklifts.



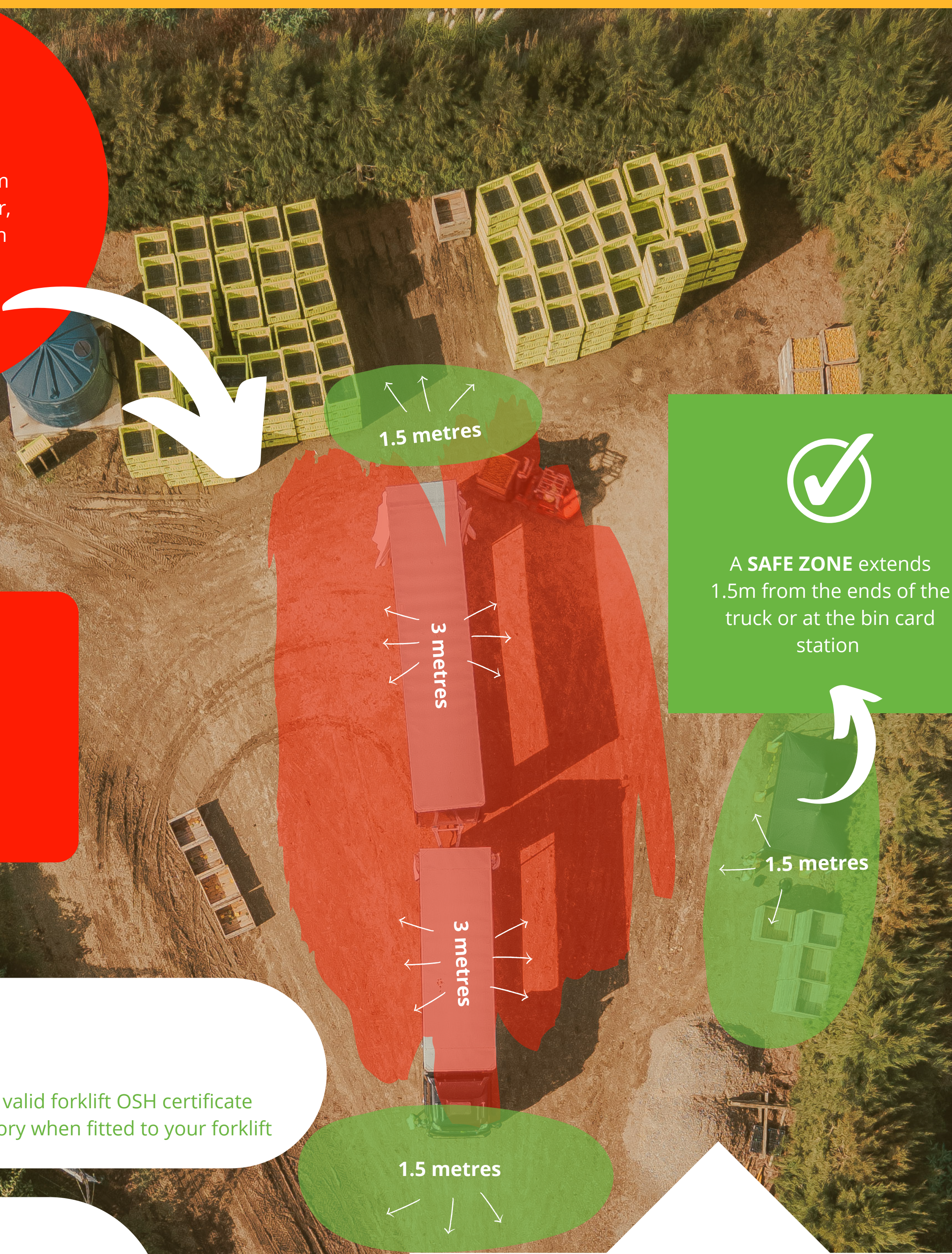
Truck driver must be 3 meters away from forklift when loading / unloading. Forklift must **cease** operation before truck driver enters this zone.

### GOOD PRACTICE

- Restrict access to loading pad
- Forklift operators must hold a valid forklift OSH certificate
- Wearing a seat belt is mandatory when fitted to your forklift

### AVOID

- Never walk or stand under a load
- Picking crews to avoid loadout pads
- NO SPEEDING!
- Never work opposite forklift Loading (Never work on the side of Truck bed)



A **SAFE ZONE** extends 1.5m from the ends of the truck or at the bin card station







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### Load Pad

Harvest can become a challenge for growers during the height of the main season. These guidelines below will give you some ideas to think about before setting up your load-out area for harvest. Below is an example of a load-out pad applying good safety practices.



### THINGS TO CONSIDER:

As a minimum orchard load out pads should consider:

- Specific controls such as signage and perhaps a marshaling person may be needed.
- Where will the truck driver park and where will he stand while he is being loaded.
- How are your workers getting to and from the orchard and are facilities available to them without needing to enter the load pad?
- Does your load pad have a Traffic management plan in place to separate people from machinery and trucks?
- Is your sign-in area safe and away from danger?
- Who will oversee the harvest and how will this be communicated to the team?
- How will you induct them?
- Is the team equipped for the job, are workers wearing the correct PPE?
- Where will you place your fruit bins when they arrive?

If in doubt seek assistance from your local post-harvest provider. Your health and safety team are here to help.

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