

SITE PREPARATION

Lifting and hauling equipment — Primarily moves raw materials around your site. Examples include lift trucks, stackers, forklifts and other powered industrial trucks, handlers, helicopters, and similar equipment.

The steps needed to prepare the site typically include the following:

- Building the access road
- Leveling the site
- Making ground firm enough to support heavy trucks and the drill rig
- Excavating and trenching
- Drilling the conductor hole, rathole, and mousehole
- Transporting equipment
- Unloading at the site



What You Need to Know About Site Preparation

- Make sure the access road and drill pad at the drill site have been properly prepared before attempting to drive on them.
- Drive slowly; always be cautious of shifting weight.
- Make sure loads are be tied down with proper load securement devices and inspected before and during transport.
- Be aware of any open excavations on the site.
- Watch for moving vehicles and stay out of their path.
- Driver's must use a spotter as necessary.
- Check the weather forecast for potential severe storms or flooding.
- Make sure you know what toxic plants look like (see the Worksite Exposures chapter).