

# SAFE WORK PRACTICES

## ACCIDENT PREVENTION SIGNS, TAGS & BARRICADES

*\*This information does not take precedence over OH&S. All employees should be familiar with the Saskatchewan Employment Act and the OH&S Regulations.*

### GENERAL:

1. Worker protection is accomplished by the use of good informative and protective devices, keeping in mind that to protect workers and the public requires the use of these devices in relation to the location of the workers and the equipment involved.
2. Proper barricades and signs must be placed at openings and the hazardous and/or restricted areas to protect workers and the public in accordance with OH&S Regulations, Highway Regulations and local ordinances. Where effective protection cannot be provided by signs, signals or barricades, a flag person or safety watch must be used.
3. A barricade or guardrail should be constructed of suitable materials and strength to support a worker who accidentally falls or bumps against it.
4. Never lean against barricades or guardrails.
5. Extreme caution must be taken where public traffic (pedestrian or vehicular) through or near a work site cannot be avoided.
6. Where manpower or equipment is required to work or be near any barricades under the element of darkness, such barricades should be properly marked with reflective material and/or warning lights.
7. The use of barricades and signs must be coupled with proper planning, design, installation, inspection and maintenance.

### Signs & Tags

1. Where there are immediate hazards, "**Danger**" signs must be used.
2. "**Caution**" signs must be used to warn against potential hazards.
3. Safety instruction signs should be used for general instructions and suggestions.
4. All signs and tags in use must be in accordance with standard specifications.
5. Signs must be removed promptly when danger or hazard no longer exists.

### Barricades

1. **Warning Barricades** (i.e. high-visibility synthetic tape or yellow pipe on posts, etc.) should be used to alert workers and the public to a potential hazard.
2. **Protective Barricades** (i.e. wood posts and rail, cable, rope, etc.) which warn as well as protect workers and the public should be used when potential fall hazards exist.