

# SAFE WORK PRACTICES

## AIR TUGGER

*\*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:** The air tigger is a tool powered by an air motor which turns a drum on which steel cable is wrapped.

1. Know your tool. Learn about its operation, application and limitations, as well as the specific and potential hazards before using it. Refer to the operating manual if necessary. Have someone with experience assist you before using the tool on your own.
2. Wear adequate PPE and keep observers at a safe distance from the work area.

### **Set-up:**

3. Ensure the tigger is properly secured to a stationary object (i.e. floor).
4. Inspect the tool (i.e. break, cable) and accessories (i.e. snatch block, rigging) for visible signs of wear or damage. Repair or replace damaged parts before using the tool.
5. Check alignment of lead block to ensure proper wrapping of cable on drum.
6. Check the rating plate for tool capacity and do not exceed the maximum rated capacity.
7. Ensure the operator can see the object(s) being lifted. If the operator's vision is obscured, use a signal person.
8. Never leave a suspended load unattended.
9. Maintenance must be done to the manufacturer's specifications.
  - Inspect the tool for visible signs of wear or damage before each use.
  - Ensure proper lubrication of moving parts.
  - Use oiler on air line.