

SAFE WORK PRACTICES

POWERED MOBILE EQUIPMENT

**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: OH&S defines powered mobile equipment as “a self-propelled machine...that is designed to manipulate or move materials or to provide a work platform for workers”.

1. Only trained, competent and authorized workers are permitted to operate powered mobile equipment.
2. Prior to start-up, make a complete visual inspection of the equipment and the surrounding area to ensure that the equipment is in a condition to operate safely, and that no one is endangered by the start-up.
3. Equipment damage or defects of any kind must be reported to the supervisor immediately. If repairs cannot be carried out prior to commencing work, steps must be taken to control any hazard posed by the unsafe condition until it can be corrected.
4. Lights, brakes and warning signals must be operative.
5. Equipment must be equipped with seat belts and/or roll-over protective structures if required.
6. Any equipment or material being transported in the cab must be positioned or secured to prevent injury to the operator or to others.
7. No fuel tank may be carried in an enclosed cab unless the fuel tank is equipped with a filler spout and vents that extend to the outside of the cab.
8. A fire extinguisher must be available.
9. When equipment maintenance, repairs or other work is being performed on or under an elevated part of the equipment, the elevated part must be securely blocked to prevent accidental movement.
10. An equipment operator is not permitted to move or cause to be moved any load or part of the equipment when a worker may be endangered by the movement. Workers are not permitted in the vicinity of the equipment where the workers may be endangered by the swinging movement of a load or a part of the equipment.
11. An effective restraining device must be used to protect the operator and other workers against the shifting of a load when the equipment is used to transport equipment or materials that may shift under emergency stopping conditions.
12. Workers are not permitted to ride on the top of a load. Where equipment is used to transport a worker, the worker must be restrained from falling from the vehicle, and no part of the worker's body may extend beyond the sides of the vehicle.
13. Ensure regular lubrication and repair of moving parts. Cleaning, oiling or repairing of equipment must not be done while the equipment is in operation unless it has been authorized by the supervisor and special provisions have been made to do it safely.
14. Ensure equipment is adequately protected when not in use.