

# A Safe Workplace

## A Workplace Safety and Health Manual for Your Community

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Refer to part 22 of *The Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Act and Regulations*, Powered Mobile Equipment.

**PPE Required:** Steel-toe boots, safety glasses, hearing protection, hard hat, gloves, high visibility safety vest, sunscreen, insect repellent, emergency eye wash bottle

**Warning:** Check utilities before any work begins  
 Read and understand the owner's manual  
 Inspect the work area to check for hazards  
 Appropriate operational fire extinguishers must be in loader  
 Only licensed personnel should operate a loader on a road  
 Never operate/ride in an unsafe manner  
 Only competent persons to operate a loader.

1. Ensure the equipment has a rollover protective structure (ROPS) before operating. ROPS must meet SAE Standard J1042 (2003), Operator Protection for General-Purpose Industrial Machines. Contact the regional office regarding equipment that does not have ROPS or a structure that was not commercially manufactured.
2. Walk around the machine checking for oil leaks, low tiers, and vandalism.
3. Check all fluids levels before starting. Make sure it ready for work
4. Climb into the loader using the *Getting On or Off Equipment Procedure* (section III-C, G-1).
5. Check all gages then climb out of the loader and inspect lights.
6. Before operating the loader check the operation of the bucket lift, tilt, and back up alarm. Complete pre-use inspection form or log book.
7. When proceeding to the work location check the brakes.
8. Shutdown the loader after it has cooled sufficiently on idle and the bucket is lowered to the ground. *Use Equipment Turn Off Procedures* (section III-E, VLE-4).
9. Set the park brake, close all doors and windows and lock up.
10. Passengers are not allowed to ride on the lawn mower.
11. See *Powered Mobile Equipment Procedure* (section III-E, VLE-28) for general instructions to operate powered machinery.