

## ***Personnel Hoisting Standard***

### **1.0 PURPOSE**

This standard supports the Hazard Controls Policy and specifies the requirements for personnel hoisting.

### **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

#### **2.1 Aerial Device**

A vehicle mounted telescoping and/or articulating unit that is used to position a worker at an elevated worksite, and includes a work basket or bucket, an aerial ladder, an extendable and articulating boom platform, a vertical tower and any combination of those devices.

#### **2.2 Competent**

Possessing knowledge, experience and training to perform a specific duty.

#### **2.3 Elevating Work Platform**

A work platform that can be self-elevated to overhead worksites and includes an elevating rolling work platform, a self-propelled elevating work platform and a boom type elevating work platform.

#### **2.4 Safe Work Practice**

A set of guidelines or "Do's and Don'ts" when performing a task effectively and safely. They are not the step by step instructions on how to do the task, therefore their order of completion is not required.

#### **2.5 Safe Work Procedure**

A written, specific step-by-step description of how to complete a job safely and efficiently from start to finish, incorporating appropriate health, safety, environment and security requirements. Safe Work procedures are also referred to as Standard Operating Procedures.

### **3.0 METHOD/PRACTICE**

- A documented hazard and risk assessment shall be performed to identify if hazards may exist.
- A fall protection plan shall be developed to minimize falling hazards.
- If an aerial device or elevating work platform is the equipment selected for personnel hoisting, the employees shall be trained in the safe use of the equipment.
- Aerial devices and elevating work platforms shall be operated and maintained by a competent employee, in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations.
- Insulated aerial equipment used for working near energized electrical equipment, shall comply with the applicable requirements.
- Employees shall wear fall arrest equipment when in an aerial device or on an elevated work platform and shall be trained for the safe use, inspection and maintenance of the fall arrest equipment.
- Where applicable, employees shall be trained for bucket rescue procedures and practice the skill annually.
- Load handling of personnel shall also be performed in accordance with the Load Handling (Hoisting) Policy.

- Safe work practices and procedures for specific types of personnel hoisting equipment shall meet the requirements set out in *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 2020*, Sections 12-24, 12-25, 12-26 and 13-9.

#### **4.0 REFERENCES**

- Saskatchewan
  - *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 2020, Sections 12-24, 12-25, 12-26 and 13-9*
- SaskPower (Located on SafetyNet)
  - SaskPower Health, Safety and Environment Policy
  - Hazard / Aspect and Risk Assessment Policy
  - Hazard / Aspect and Risk Assessment Standard
  - Safety and Environment Rulebook
  - Load Handling (Hoisting) Policy