



## Operation of Powered Mobile Equipment Standard

### 1.0 PURPOSE

This standard supports the Hazard Controls Policy and specifies the requirements for safe operation of powered mobile equipment at SaskPower.

### 2.0 DEFINITIONS

#### 2.1 Powered Mobile Equipment

A self propelled machine or a combination of machines, including a prime mover, that is designed to manipulate or move materials or to provide a work platform for workers.

#### 2.2 Trained Operator

- a) One who has successfully completed a training program that includes all of the elements set out in Table 14.1 in the Appendix of *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations* for the type of powered mobile equipment that the employee will operate; or
- b) Is completing the practical training required by Table 14.1 under the direct supervision of a competent operator within the meaning of clause a).

### 3.0 METHOD / PRACTICE

- Operators of powered mobile equipment (PME) shall be trained operators, pursuant to Table 14.1 of *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*.
- As part of a hazard and risk assessment and prior to startup, the employee shall:
  - make a complete visual inspection of the equipment and surrounding area to ensure that no worker is endangered by the start-up;
  - check route of travel, clearances and ground conditions, including the presence of workers, structures, power lines, underground services or other equipment that may constitute a hazard;
  - check site of operation, including the nature of ground, gradients and potentially dangerous situations and the appropriate response.
  - require assistance from another person who has clear view, if there is not a clear view of the path for the PME to travel.
- Where required, a traffic control plan shall be in place, pursuant to the SaskPower Traffic Control Standard.
- PME is to be inspected and maintained by a competent person, as required by manufacturer specifications.
- PME shall be constructed, structurally repaired and tested to an approved standard or as required by the manufacturer.
- Where PME is used to perform load handling activities, the work shall also be performed in accordance with the Load Handling (Hoisting) Policy. Note: The exception to this is when the PME is used for excavation or pile driving activities.
- Refer to Part XI of *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*, 1996 for additional regulatory requirements.



## 4.0 REFERENCES

- Saskatchewan
  - The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996 Table 14.1
- SaskPower (Located on SafetyNet)
  - Hazard Controls Policy
  - Load Handling (Hoisting) Policy
  - Personnel Hoist Standard
  - Safety Briefing # 22: Powered Mobile Equipment
  - Traffic Control Standard
  - Transportation Compliance Standard
  - The Safety and Environment Rulebook