

**SAFE WORK PRACTICE**

<b>TITLE</b>	Starting Equipment (Cold Starts)
<b>GENERAL</b>	Protecting workers from injuries associated with starting equipment in the cold
<b>APPLICATION</b>	Upon initial startup of cold equipment
<b>PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS</b>	Safe work procedure
<b>SELECTION AND USE</b>	As per safe work procedure
<b>SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY</b>	Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements
<b>WORKER RESPONSIBILITY</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The mechanic/operator will check all appropriate fluid levels on equipment</li> <li>2. The mechanic/operator will do a visual inspection of equipment pertaining to leaks, belts, etc.</li> <li>3. The mechanic/operator will do a walk around the equipment to make certain the equipment is safe to start</li> <li>4. The mechanic/operator will climb on equipment using the three point contact method and check for any danger, do not operate tags</li> <li>5. If there are no such tags on the equipment, then the mechanic/operator checks to make sure the equipment gears are in neutral and checks that the park and emergency brakes are activated</li> <li>6. The mechanic/operator proceeds to start engine</li> <li>7. Once engine is running at an idle, the mechanic/operator will check again all park and emergency brakes and drop all hydraulic accessories such as blades, bowls, buckets etc.</li> <li>8. The mechanic/operator will dismount safely from equipment using the three point contact method</li> </ol>
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