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Safe Work Practice

Name of Job: Roofing	Development Date: February 21th, 2011	Developed By: CSNS
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Possible Hazards Present

Falls from heights Slips, trips & falls Repetitive motion
Strains

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended

Fall protection equipment Steel toed boots Head Protection Eye Protection

What are some good general safe work practices?

- **DO** ensure that you check the roof surface for ice or dampness prior to climbing onto the roof
- **DO** ensure that traffic on a roof should be avoided as ice, snow and frost make the surface hazardous
- **DO** ensure when removing snow, avoid direct contact with shingles as this will scrape off the protective granules
- **DO** ensure when applying shingles in temperatures below 0°C, handle shingles with care as they can become brittle.
- **DO** maintain a safe distance from power lines and ensure neither your body nor any equipment come into contact with the lines. When in doubt, call NS Power to have lines insulated or de-energized.
- **DO** wear clothing appropriate to the task. Remember you can get a sun burn and hypothermia at the same time when working at heights.

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- **DO** ensure the roof is kept clean of debris such as wood, shingle parts and dirt. Be aware of loose items, such as electrical cords and tools.
- **DO NOT** walk on the roof when not necessary, as this may cause even more damage and increase your risk of falling.
- **DO** ensure adequate fall protection devices are used at all times.

SAMPLE

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