**Safe Work Practice**

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| Name of Job:  **Snow Plowing** | Development Date:  **February 11th, 2011** | Developed By:  **CSNS** |

**Possible Hazards Present**

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| Low visibility | Road conditions | Excessive noise | Fatigue |
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**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended**

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| Communication device | Hand protection | Reflective vest | Steel toed boots |
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* **DO** ensure you are well rested, physically and mentally before starting work.
* **DO** wear appropriate clothing for the conditions.
* **DO** Check all equipment prior to use:
  + Inspect lights, brakes, windshield wipers, defroster, plow bolts and chains, spreader and auger, flares and other safety equipment
* **DO** know your route. Before storm season, drive the route to identify any possible hazards. (guard rails, curbs, railroad tracks, bridge joints, mailboxes, manhole covers, etc.)
* **DO** choose the speed appropriate for the conditions. Resist the urge to get the job done quickly and focus on doing it safely.
* **DO** be considerate of motorists having trouble driving in the snow. Stay calm and be patient when vehicles pass or tailgate.
* **DO** be brief when using the radio. Report stranded motorists and other emergencies when possible.
* **DO** observe all traffic laws and signal your intentions clearly. Always wear your seatbelt.
* **DO** before leaving the cab, set the brakes and disengage the power to the spreader and snowplow.
* **DO** take measures to ensure you do not get locked out of your vehicle. Carry a spare key on your person at all times.
* **DO** watch for signs of fatigue. Plowing often consists of long hours and can be stressful. If you feel yourself getting tired, take a break.
* **DO** ensure you always have an adequate means of communication in case of emergencies.