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Safe Work Practice

Name of Job: Snow Plowing	Development Date: February 11th, 2011	Developed By: CSNS
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Possible Hazards Present

Low visibility

Road conditions

Excessive noise

Fatigue

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended

Communication
device

Hand protection

Reflective vest

Steel toed boots

- **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.

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- **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.

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