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Safe Work Practice

Name of Job: Use of a snow blower	Development Date: February 21th, 2011	Developed By: CSNS
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Possible Hazards Present

Slip, trips and falls	Vehicle or property damage	Serious injury	Excessive noise
Frost bite			

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended

Hand protection	Warm winter clothing	Hearing protection	Eye protection
Steel toed boots			

What are some good general safe work practices?

- **DO** use two people to lift
- **DO** stretch muscles prior to task to avoid injury
- **DO** take frequent breaks to avoid injury from cold, vibration and repetitive motion
- **DO** be aware of the discharge direction and distance to avoid injury or property damage
- **DO** ensure that clothing should be worn in layers and vented to avoid overheating
- **DO** ensure that bare skin does not touch metal surfaces
- **DO** ensure caution on slippery/icy surfaces
- **DO** stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug before performing maintenance or refueling
- **DO** follow safe job procedures regarding refueling
- **DO** block/Chock the snow blower
- **DO** ensure that the snow blower is operated in well ventilated areas
- **DO** keep all guards in place

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- **DO** proceed in a forward gear and only use reverse when necessary
- **DO** Keep others away from the flying debris area

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