**Safe Work Practice Operation of Air Tools**

| **Department/Area:** | **Approved by:** | **Date Created:** | **Review/Revision Date:** |
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| **Potential Hazard** | **Risk level** |
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| Awkward/sustained postures - bend, reach, lift |  |
| Forceful exertions - lifting |  |
| Repetitive movements |  |
| Vibration |  |
| Compression |  |
| Sharp points/edges - sharp materials |  |
| Pinch points - bin lids |  |
| Materials falling - bin lids |  |
| Surfaces causing falls - icy, snow in winter |  |
| Moving machinery |  |
| Chemicals |  |
| Biological pathogens - contact with waste |  |
| Electrical |  |
| Extreme heat/cold |  |
| Noise |  |
| Combustibles/flammables |  |
| Risk of falling |  |
| Other |  |

| **Risk control devices, personal protective equipment, and other safety considerations** | **Training/Reference info** |
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* **DO** regularly inspect tools and hoses before using.
* **DO** obtain underground utility locates for the work area.
* **DO** wear suitable clothing and personal protective equipment.
* **DO** use proper shoring or slope equipment when air back tools are used in a ditch.
* **DO** get assistance before lifting or moving heavy objects.
* **DO** practice good housekeeping.
* **DO** ensure that loose-fitting clothing is kept away from rotating equipment.
* **DO** bleed air before disconnecting hoses.
* **DO** ensure Shut-off equipment while re-fueling.
* **DO NOT** use an air tool for any purpose other than what it is intended for.
* **DO** follow Air Tool Safe Work Practice step by step.
* Store tools appropriately. Read and understand the manual that accompanies your plate tamper.
* When the task is completed, shut down the machine and remove it from the work area. Store the machine properly.