

PRE-USE INSPECTIONS

Before using equipment, conduct pre-use inspections to identify and address any issues to ensure safety, accident prevention and equipment reliability. Inspections should be performed daily or at the beginning of each shift before equipment use.

HOW TO CONDUCT A PRE-USE INSPECTION FOR:

- PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT/PROCESSES
- MOBILE EQUIPMENT
- SAFETY EQUIPMENT



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PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT/PROCESSES

All workers should inspect their work area at the beginning of shift. When you inspect your area, consider the following:

- Remove tripping hazards like tools and debris.
- Only use tools in good condition and for their intended purpose.
- Keep work areas organized and clean, and ensure safety measures like closed gates and guards are in place.
- Ensure all areas and the equipment are safe before starting it up.

MOBILE EQUIPMENT

- Pre-trip inspections for mobile equipment are required by WorkSafeBC to ensure safety and equipment reliability.
- Document inspections before work, report deficiencies and follow company policies. If a significant defect is identified, do not operate the equipment if it puts your safety or the safety of others at risk.
- Inspections are crucial for safety and equipment functionality. It is imperative to address and report issues like malfunctioning safety features.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Pre-inspect safety equipment like harnesses, lanyards and self-retracting lanyards to identify issues and ensure they are functioning properly. Doing this will help reduce the risk of incidents.
- Look for wear, damage or missing parts to make sure equipment is functioning properly.
- Check your equipment like your life depends on it because it does!

REMEMBER

Pre-inspections can help spot hazards which contributes to a safer work environment. Pre-inspections should be part of a daily routine to prioritize safety.

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