



## SNOW BLOWER SAFETY TIPS



Be Prepared	Work Safe	Finish Right
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Do not wear loose clothing, scarves, jewellery</li> <li>✓ Inspect snow blower:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Guards are secure</li> <li>– Auger housing and discharge chute are clear</li> <li>– See company checklist</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Select and inspect appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Hearing protection</li> <li>– Safety glasses</li> <li>– Slip-resistant footwear</li> <li>– High visibility garmet</li> <li>– Cold weather gear</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Plan your route, check for holes, stones, doormats, newspapers, debris, excessive slope</li> <li>✓ Use only approved GFCI receptacles and extension cords properly rated for your machine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Review the safety labels</li> <li>✓ Ensure people and pets remain at a safe distance</li> <li>✓ Start a gas /diesel engine model outside</li> <li>✓ Pace yourself. Exertion in the cold increases risk of heart attack</li> <li>✓ Do not operate on steep slopes</li> <li>✓ Do not clear snow across the face of slopes to avoid tipping</li> <li>✓ Do not direct discharge toward people, vehicles or windows</li> <li>✓ Before unclogging the discharge chute: Turn engine off; wait for blades to STOP; remove key; remove spark plug cap</li> <li>✓ Use a stick or tool to clear any blockages. <b>NEVER use your hand!</b> Stored energy may cause blades to rotate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Make sure the fuel valve lever is turned to the OFF position</li> <li>✓ Maintain snow blower and clean as directed</li> <li>✓ Fuel only when snow blower is:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cool</li> <li>– Away from other sources of ignition</li> <li>– Outdoors</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Report any problems with equipment or PPE to your supervisor</li> </ul>



**Speak up!**

If you see a hazard, let a supervisor know. Everyone plays a role in your safety and health.



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