## A Safe Workplace

## A Workplace Safety and Health Manual for Your Community

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III-E	and Guidelines	Approved By: Harvey Bostrom	
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## **Steps:**

- 1. Read and understand operating manual before operating
- 2. Check all appropriate fluid levels on equipment.
- 3. Inspect equipment for leaks, loose belts, lights and signal operation.
- 4. Walk around the equipment to make certain the equipment is safe to start.
- 5. Climb into cab using the *Getting On or Off Equipment Procedure* (section III-C, G-1) and check for any Hazards. Do not operate equipment if lockout tags are present.
- 6. Ensure the equipment gears are in neutral or park and the park or emergency brake are activated.
- 7. Start engine. When starting equipment in a building, such as a garage, ensure the exhaust is ventilated.
- 8. Once engine is idling, check emergency brakes and check operation of all hydraulic attachments.