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| Related Documents: | * Refueling Procedure * Mobile Platform Owner’s Manuals * Working Alone Procedure * Part 7 Occupational Health and Safety General Regulations * Part 21 Fall Protection Occupational Health and Safety Workplace Regulations * Part 23 Scaffolds and Other Elevated Work-Platforms * CSA Standard B354.1, B354.2, and B354.4 | |
| When to use this SWP: | This safe work practice is to be used when operating any mobile platform. This document was developed using platform manuals used within the industry. | |
| Hazards & Risks: | * Bystander run over * Collisions * Electrical contact * Equipment failure * Falls | |
| Personal Protective Equipment: | CSA Approved   * Steel toes * Gloves * Hearing Protection * Hard hat * Fall Protection | |
| Training Requirements: | * Competent to operate mobile platform as assessed by the farm owner. | |
| Communication Process: | When working out in the field alone, be sure to consult the “Working Alone Procedure”. For any communication regarding break-downs, further instructions, etc. contact the farm owner. | |
| Equipment & Supplies: | * First Aid Kit * Fire Extinguisher * Cell Phone or Two-way radio | |
| Practice:   1. Review operator’s manual and applicable standards to ensure equipment is handled, operated and maintained according to the manufacturer’s specifications and standards. 2. Conduct a pre-trip inspection and document it on the platform inspection checklist. 3. Do not check for hydraulic leaks with bare hands, use cardboard and wear gloves. 4. Use the platform for its intended use only. 5. Check the work area and route of travel before operation. Clear path of obstacles. 6. Ensure: 7. Equipment is operated by a competent person. 8. Gears and moving parts are properly guarded. 9. Any load is adequately secured. 10. There is a safe means of entry and exit. 11. Fall Protection must be worn if outlined by the manufacturer’s manual and if there is potential for a fall as per Part 21 Fall Protection of the OHS Workplace Safety Regulations. 12. No riders are allowed on any platform unless the equipment is specifically designed to carry them. 13. Check fuel and oil levels before operation. 14. Do not refuel that platform while it is running. 15. Equipment must be inspected before use, thoroughly annually, or more frequently as required by the manufacturer. 16. If equipment is taken out of service, you must:     1. Immediately remove from the work area.     2. Identify it as being taken out of service.     3. Store separately from working equipment.     4. Dispose of it immediately, if not to be used again. 17. During travel, only the operator is permitted on the platform. 18. Do not start the machine when the operator is on the ground. 19. Travel only on slopes for the gradients specified in the manual. 20. Know the rated load capacity of the platform. 21. Do not climb on the guards or railings while performing work. 22. Ensure guards, rails, and chains are in place during operation. 23. Do not drive the machine from the ground with no operator. 24. Ensure the safety decals are visible and legible. 25. Ensure the raised platform is locked out and blocked before performing maintenance. 26. Be fit for duty when operating; not under the influence of drugs or alcohol 27. Keep hands and body parts out from under the platform when it is being raised or lowered. 28. Keep hand and body parts away from moving parts to avoid crushing and shearing. 29. The operator is to monitor the work area to ensure no worker enters the working range of the platform. 30. Look for overhead powerlines before raising and lowering the platform. 31. Ensure platforms and steps are clear of fruit, branches, leaves, mud, grease, oil, dirt, or debris. 32. Face the machine when entering and leaving. Do not jump from the platform. 33. Do not enter or leave the platform while it is raised. 34. Replace any broken safety devices before use.   Procedure: | | |
| EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: | | In case of emergency, contact 911 and the farm owner immediately. Remove yourself from harm’s way and ensure no one else is at risk. |