# **<< Farm Name >> POWERED MOBILE EQUIPMENT POLICY**

**Purpose:**

To ensures the health and safety of workers at the work site who work with mobile equipment in compliance with Part 7 of the Occupational Health and Safety General Regulations.

**Policy:**

<< Farm Name >> will ensure that every operator of powered mobile equipment is instructed and trained in inspections, fueling and the safe and proper use. Only competent persons may operate powered mobile equipment. The training will be in accordance with any instructions provided by the manufacturer and evaluate the conditions of the workplace in which the operator will operate the powered mobile equipment.

Where powered mobile equipment is used in circumstances where it may turn over, it shall be fitted with a rollover protection device (ROPS or FOPS) that will prevent the operator from being trapped or crushed under the equipment or material being carried.

Powered mobile equipment shall be equipped with a seat-belt or similar restraining device where it is used under conditions where such a belt or device is likely to contribute to the safety of the operator or passengers.

Powered mobile equipment must be secured against unintentional movement by an effective method of immobilization. Suspended or elevated parts of the powered mobile equipment shall be either landed, secured in a safe position, or both, before operators leave the equipment unattended. Keys will be removed from the ignition when left unattended.

A pre-trip equipment inspection must be conducted before and after use of powered mobile equipment and documented on the appropriate Equipment Inspection Checklist.

All maintenance will be conducted as per manufacturers specifications and the Preventative Maintenance Policy. Any defects noted on an inspection report must be reported to the farm owner. Records of maintenance will be kept on the Vehicle and Equipment and receipts maintained to show proof of maintenance. Any deficiencies found on inspection must be corrected before operation as it may affect the safe operation of the equipment.

**Responsibilities:**

1. << Farm Name >> may allocate funds each year to ensure powered mobile equipment is kept in accordance with manufacturers specifications and comply with all applicable legislation.
2. << Farm Name >> shall keep comprehensive logs of maintenance and have them available upon request.
3. During the workplace inspection, the farm owner shall review the motorized mobile equipment inspection reports that were completed before operating the machine..
4. Workers shall inspect powered mobile equipment before use.
5. Workers shall wear seat belts and use available safety equipment while operating powered mobile equipment.
6. Workers shall report deficiencies upon inspection or incident to the farm owner immediately.

**Violations:**

Any worker violating this policy may be subject to the appropriate disciplinary action.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* The safety information in this policy is to be used in conjunction with all applicable Federal and Provincial Legislation.