

Safe Work Procedure		Snow Blower (Gas-Powered Push)																																	
Department / Area: Physical Plant Services	Approved By: Regional Manager of Physical Plant Services	Date Created: September 5 2014	Review Date: Revised date:																																
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Note: Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury (MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness, numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength in a body part. Report these to your supervisor.																																			
Employers must ensure that workers are trained and follow this safe work procedure. Steps to perform this task safely:																																			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure all shields and guards such as rear drag shield including discharge deflector are in place and working properly. ➤ Avoid unnecessary engine idling in enclosed spaces such as sheds or garages. ➤ Avoid blowing areas close to where people are present. ➤ Install barriers and signage if required. ➤ Watch for hidden hazards. ➤ Stop machine prior to reaching into chute and auger. ➤ Do not touch hot motor parts. ➤ Do not leave a running blower unattended. ➤ Refuel in a well-ventilated, level area and allow engine to cool as per operating manual prior to refueling. Do not refuel while the engine is running. 																																			