

Beautiful Eastern Association of Snowmobile Trails



Safe Operating Procedures

SOP - 10: TRACTORS

The following hazards may occur during the use of the tractor:

- Collisions, roll-overs: Critical injury
- Fire / Explosion (fueling / leaks): Critical injury
- Crushing

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The right to use a tractor owned by the BEAST must be pre approved by BEAST Leadership.

- The proper Personal Protective Equipment to be worn is set out by the manufacturer and in the Occupational Health and Safety Legislation
 - Safety Boots (CSA)
- Complete a daily circle check of the tractor. (See: Tractor Circle Check)
- Tractors are to be used for the manufacturer's designed purpose only
- Only operate the tractor in a sitting position
- Passengers are not allowed on the tractor
- Before exiting the tractor ALWAYS lower the implements to the ground, put into park and apply the break
- Ensure the area where the tractor is operating is clear of people, animals and hazards
- Operate the tractor at a speed that allows you to maintain control at all times. Drive slowly over rough terrain and avoid stumps and other obstacles.
- Use extreme caution on steep inclines and edges where ground could give way
- Do not try to make a turn with the tractor on a steep slope
- Do not use a tractor for clearing trees unless it has a protective brush cage
- Before connecting any equipment to the tractor, lower the bucket or blade, set the brake and turn OFF the machine
- Use lower gear when towing uphill or downhill. Do not coast
- Ensure adequate clearance when making turns or going through narrow passages
- Ontario Health and Safety Act mandates "Operators of vehicles, machines, and equipment to assign a signaler (spotter) if either of the following applies:
 - The operator's view of the intended path of travel is obstructed

- A person could be endangered by the vehicle, machine, or equipment, or by its load
- Reverse on a vehicle or equipment should be minimal. Spotters are required in congested areas and uncertain terrain
 - Beware of the following hazards:
 - Pedestrians / Animals
 - Grooming vehicles
 - Terrain
 - Weather
 - Fencing
- Fueling must follow the Fueling SOP
- Repairs to the tractor must be performed by qualified personnel, using O.E.M. parts or equivalent
- Report all mechanical problems to your supervisor