

## **CONCRETE WORK (FORMING AND POURING)**

| Date Revised:   | August 2024   | Overall Task Risk Rating: | Before Controls | В | After Controls | C |  |
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| Description:  | The forming and pouring of concrete curb and sidewalks. |                           |                 |   |                |   |  |
| Location(s):  | Construction Projects                                   |                           |                 |   |                |   |  |
| Associated Documents: Hazardous Agents WTS, Noise WTS, Traffic Control WTS, Equipment and Machinery Operation WTS, Night Work WTS |   |                           |                 |   |                |   |  |

### **RED FLAGS (HOLD WORK UNTIL CORRECTED):**

#### Note:

Do not commence work if there is inadequate Traffic Protection

#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (CSA COMPLIANT) Head Foot High-Vis Respiratory Hearing Hand Eye Face Protection X |X|

#### Note:

- Additional PPE may be required based on project specific hazards saw cutting will require eye, face and respiratory protection, hand protection when pouring and finishing concrete
- The noise level exceeds 85 dB in the production area. Hearing protection should be worn during prolonged exposure
- Workers must wear all PPE listed in the MSDS / SDS for the specific hazardous products that they are to handle

### **SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)**

General Concrete Work Practices:

- Start the work only when you are certain that you understand the work, the hazards and you have implemented the appropriate controls
- Unsafe conditions and situations must be reported to Foreman/Superintendents immediately (and stop work until the hazard is controlled)
- Never operate a curb machine at speeds which will cause ground personnel to work carelessly if production requirements demand it, assign more personnel to the pouring operations
- Use the 'buddy system' and watch out for co-workers who may be unaware of a hazard or unsafe work activity
- Use three-point contact when mounting / dismounting machines

#### Traffic Control:

- The Superintendent/Foreman will complete a Traffic Protection Plan and ensure that traffic protection measures are in place and in accordance with Ontario Traffic Manual Book 7 when workers have the potential to be endangered by vehicle traffic
- Workers will stay out the Path of Travel of vehicles and mobile equipment
- Workers and equipment operators will follow the Safe Limit of Approach practices (3m and 10m)
- · Refer to the Traffic Control WTS for more information

### Signalers:

- Signalers are required for backing vehicles when the operator's view of the path of travel is obstructed Night Work:
- Ensure lighting is adequate for visibility of the workers and for the workers to complete the task at hand
- Lighting used to illuminate the worksite shall not be aimed at drivers (making it more difficult for them to see their intended path)
- Refer to Night Work WTS for more details



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#### Manual Material Handling:

- When possible, workers should rotate between repetitive job tasks as Repetitive Strain Injuries (RSI) can result from repeating the same actions / movements
- If an object or material appears to be awkward in shape or too heavy, it may require additional help to be handled safely
- When handling hazardous materials (i.e. cement which is corrosive) use the controls (i.e. hand protection) appropriate for the task
- Refer to the applicable MSDS / SDS and the Manual Material Handling WTS for more information Inspections:
- A pre-operational safety inspection and Gazzola Daily Equipment Inspection Form is to be completed prior to using equipment
- Do not use defective equipment or machinery, inform your foreman / superintendent they will arrange for the equipment to be serviced
- Before starting machines or equipment, ensure guards and safety devices are in place, adjusted and functioning properly Training:
- Employee Orientations (including roles, responsibilities, applicable workplace task standards, WHMIS, etc.)
- Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to operate vehicles / machinery / equipment

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#### PPE:

- Workers on construction projects must wear, at a minimum, head, foot and high visibility protection. Eye protection as necessary
- The noise level exceeds 85 dB in the production area. Hearing protection should be worn during prolonged exposure
- Eye Glasses and Face Shield is required when completing tasks that may cause debris / objects to dislodge or become airborne
- All workers must wear the required personal protective equipment set out in applicable MSDS / SDS (i.e. hand protection)
- When saw cutting concrete where a full-face respirator to protect against inhalation of silica in dust
- At night, increase the visibility of workers (Leg Bands are provided for night work on construction projects)
- If machines are equipped with seatbelts, they must be worn by operators

| JOB HAZARD AND RISK ANA   | LYSIS                        | RISK RATING  B Medium risk of injury or equipment   |                             |  |
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| TASK HAZARDS  | RATING<br>BEFORE<br>CONTROLS | TASK CONTROLS   | RATING<br>AFTER<br>CONTROLS |  |
| Heat Stress   | В                            | <ul> <li>Refer to Hazardous Agents WTS</li> <li>Drink water throughout the day (don't wait until you're thirsty)</li> <li>If you think someone has heat stroke or heat exhaustion: call 911, inform the foreman / superintendent and begin First Aid</li> </ul>             | С                           |  |
| Improper Chemical Use/Storage   | В                            | С   |                             |  |
| Lack of Spotter B   |                              | <ul> <li>Signalers are required for backing vehicles when the operator's view of the path of travel is obstructed</li> <li>Signallers are required when equipment is within the safe limits of approach to overhead powerlines</li> </ul>                                   | С                           |  |
| Lack of, or Improper, Training and<br>Education                       | С                            | Machine Operators must be authorized and trained  | С                           |  |
| Poor Housekeeping C   |                              | <ul> <li>Keep a clean working area, remove any tripping hazards</li> <li>Ensure that tools are neatly and safely stowed on equipment</li> <li>Equipment / vehicles should be cleared daily of any garbage so as not to obstruct brakes, accelerator pedals, etc.</li> </ul> | С                           |  |
| Musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) &<br>Repetitive Strain Injuries (RSI) | С                            | If an object or material appears to be awkward in shape or too heavy, it may require additional help to be handled safely   |                             |  |

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| • | Lack of / improper PPE   | С | <ul> <li>Workers are to wear a respirator when saw cutting (as fine dust is being created)</li> <li>Workers are to wear eye protection and gloves when using circular saws and concrete saws</li> </ul> | С |
|---|--------------------------|---|---|---|
|   | Lack of Inspection     C |   | <ul> <li>A pre-operational safety inspection is to be completed</li> <li>Do not use defective equipment or machinery, inform your foreman / superintendent</li> </ul>                                   | С |

### SAFE JOB PROCEDURES (SJP)

#### Pre-Task Commencement:

- 1. Gather and wear the required PPE for the task on construction sites, all employees must wear head, foot and high visibility protection. Eye protection when necessary
- 2. Ensure the site-specific workplace violence assessment is complete
- Complete the Daily GAZZ Card and review with all workers the shift's tasks with any associated hazards and control strategies
- 4. Ensure all workers understand the GAZZ Card contents, and sign off in acknowledgement
- 5. Ensure controls are in place prior to commencing work so risks are mitigated / eliminated
- 6. Ensure adequate traffic control measures are in place prior to the start of work (refer to Traffic Control WTS for more detail)
- 7. Determine what equipment / machinery / tools and material, are required for the completion of the task
- 8. Inspect all equipment / machinery / tools prior to use and document the inspections on appropriate forms when required
- 9. Ensure preventative maintenance activities have been completed where required, prior to using equipment / machinery / tools
- 10. If equipment / machinery / tools are observed to be damaged, remove it from use and notify the Foreman / Superintendent
- 11. Install fencing and hoarding where needed
- 12. Locate utilities Call Before You Dig
- 13. Overhead hazards (i.e. powerlines) will be identified, signs posted and a signal person appointed as required

#### **During Task:**

- 1. Traffic control to be present and spotters will be in place
- 2. Set up forms in preparation to pour concrete
- When the ordered material arrives, coordination of truck off loading as required
- 4. Mix concrete and cement if required for specified concrete pour
- 5. Pour the concrete
- 6. Smooth and finish the concrete using a variety of hand and power tools

#### Task Completion:

- 1. Inspect equipment and report malfunctions to foreman / superintendents
- 2. Ensure all equipment / machinery / tools are maintained and stored appropriately in the designated locations
- 3. Implement any housekeeping or maintenance as required

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