

SAFE WORK PRACTICES PORTABLE PUMPS

**This information does not take precedence over OH&S. All employees should be familiar with the Saskatchewan Employment Act and the OH&S Regulations.*

1. Know your equipment. Learn the operation, application and limitations as well as the specific and potential hazards of the equipment before operating it. Refer to the operating manual if necessary.
2. Wear adequate PPE and keep observers at a safe distance from the work area.
3. Treat the portable pump like a vehicle. Do not operate it indoors.
4. Be sure the pump is firmly attached to the transporting unit.
5. Check all fluid levels (oil and gas) to be sure they are at acceptable levels for operation.
6. When fueling, **do not** "top off" the gas tank. Gasoline expands as the outside temperature rises – this may result in seepage and create a fire hazard.
7. Do not fuel the pump while it is running.
8. Be sure the gas cap is in good condition and securely attached.
9. Do a "walk around" inspection to check for damage and obvious leaks.
10. Any repairs should be done by a qualified mechanic or technician.