Hazard Alert

Hazard Summary

Failure to securely block heavy equipment in the elevated position, before working under it, may result in serious injury or death. Unsecured equipment may trap the worker between the equipment and equipment frame, or the ground.

What the Legislation Says:

Section 147. (1)
NWT Occupational Health & Safety Regulations

> **Subject to section 148, an employer shall, before a worker undertakes the maintenance, testing, repair or adjustment of a machine other than a power tool, ensure that the machine is locked out and remains locked out during that activity unless doing so puts a worker at risk.**

Section 142.
***Nunavut General Safety Regulations* state:**

When machinery or equipment is shut down for maintenance or repairs, no work shall be carried out

(a) until parts, extensions, and attachments have been secured against inadvertent movement;
(b) when the nature of the work exposes workers to mechanical hazards or harmful substances until the hazardous conditions have been removed; and
(c) until lock out procedures have been applied.

Safe Work Practices:

- **Secure all elevated parts against accidental movement before working under them.**
- **Block all elevated parts using manufacturer recommended or provided safety blocking devices.**
- **Conduct hazard assessments of all work processes, and follow the resulting safe work procedures.**
- **Do not operate machinery or equipment until you receive training, and know how to do the work safely.**

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