

### Equipment Inspections

Pre-use inspections, what's the big deal? You don't inspect your car every time you get into it and drive to work or to run errands. You don't inspect your lawn mower every time you get ready to mow. So, why do you need to do a pre-use inspection every time you get ready to use your equipment at work?

A vehicle is designed to run without having to do a daily inspection, so is a mower. However, we do know we are to change our oil every 3,000 miles and give that mower a tune up every year. The thing is, our vehicles and mowers do not take a beating like the equipment in a scrap yard. Just the nature of our business requires extra care to ensure a problem or hazard is caught before it becomes a major expense or accident.

The following equipment is to be inspected every day prior to start up:

- Commercial motor vehicles (Written verification is required by DOT)
- Trailers
- Forklifts (Written verification is required by OSHA)
- Skid steers
- Loaders
- Cranes
- Shredder
- Balers
- Shears
- Crushers
- Torch equipment & hoses

It is each operator's responsibility to inspect the equipment prior to use. If a defect or hazard that will affect the safety of the equipment is found, it must be reported immediately.

You may recognize a problem that prevents a major accident. Your role is vital in pre-use equipment inspection.

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