



## **WEATHER POLICY**

### **ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

This policy aims to ensure that Skyline can maintain the delivery of services in the event of adverse weather conditions.

### **INTRODUCTION**

In the event of bad weather conditions, all employees are expected to make every effort to fulfil their contractual obligation to report to work and attend for their normal contracted hours. The two circumstances are: -

- Existing bad weather conditions hinder employees from reporting to their normal place of work or
- Weather conditions are deteriorating significantly while employees are at work, so that delaying travelling home until normal leaving time would be unsafe.

The procedures laid down below must be followed.

Micro and macro weather conditions play a key role in Skyline's services. Skyline will only perform work in weather conditions suitable for the work being performed. Variations in weather, type of equipment employed and materials being used all contribute to deciding when, where, and how to do work.

Skyline reserves the right to stop any work at any time due to inclement weather or the possibility or prediction of inclement weather. Skyline uses the information and advice from Environment Canada to determine present and future weather conditions.

The following chart is intended as a guideline only. This chart shows only general weather conditions and specific equipment. The use and location of equipment may further determine if equipment can be used safely.

Ladders on sloped wet ground may be affected by even light rain. Ladders contacting metal on structures reduce the amount of friction and grip compared to ladders contacting brick or concrete.

At times, boatswains chair work can be employed for use in windy weather. At times, the work may be on the least windy side of the building or structure. Wind is variable in velocity and direction. The same applies to swing stage work but with more caution being employed and an advanced knowledge of micro climatic conditions.

Access to boatswain's chair work is typically from the roof descending downward. Special consideration in rain, wind and snow needs to be considered at the edge of any roof, structure, platform, or any other point of height.

Access to swing stage work is typically from the ground upwards. Special consideration in rain, wind, and snow needs to be considered. The weather may not be the same at ground level as would be at roof level. Also, the swing stage is much heavier and harder to control in adverse weather conditions than the boatswain's chair.

Aluminum pole work is typically safe in all normal weather conditions. Special consideration should be employed where weather is predicted to worsen. Workers using aluminum extension poles, should consider approaching storms and the presence of lightning. Heavy winds can also pose a hazard depending on the velocity of wind, direction or wind and length of pole employed.

Groundwork is typically safe in all normal weather conditions. However, the ground type and level may increase the potential for a hazardous situation to evolve in adverse weather conditions.

The weather is continuously changing. Therefore, weather must be an ongoing consideration when any equipment is employed or work is being performed.

The use of hydraulic access lifts will vary depending on the location of use, weather, type of equipment and size of equipment. The use of hydraulic access lifts should never exceed the manufacturer's recommendations with respect to wind speeds.

Typically, a boatswain chair can be safely employed in winds which do not exceed 40 km/h. Typically swing stage equipment can be employed in winds which do not exceed 25 km/h. Other variables may lower the maximum wind levels for both boatswains' chair equipment and swing stage equipment.

Ladders are much more sensitive and at times, winds exceeding 5 km/h can have an adverse effect on the safe use and operation of ladders.

No work shall be undertaken in any unsafe condition.

Weather can change very quickly, and all work should stop and equipment secured before the presence of adverse weather conditions. Therefore, weather must be monitored constantly.

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>RAIN</b>	<b>SNOW</b>	<b>WIND</b>	<b>EXTREME WEATHER</b>
Ladders	Light Rain - Safe Heavy Rain - Unsafe	Light Snow - Unsafe Heavy Snow - Unsafe	Light Wind - Safe Heavy Wind - Unsafe	Unsafe
Boatswains Chair	Light Rain - Safe Heavy Rain - Safe	Light Snow - Unsafe Heavy Snow - Unsafe	Light Wind - Safe Heavy Wind - Unsafe	Unsafe
Swing Stage	Light Rain - Safe Heavy Rain - Safe	Light Snow - Unsafe Heavy Snow - Unsafe	Light Wind - Safe Heavy Wind - Unsafe	Unsafe
Hydraulic Access Lift	Light Rain - Safe Heavy Rain - Safe	Light Snow - Safe Heavy Snow - Safe	Light Wind - Safe Heavy Wind - Unsafe	Unsafe
Aluminum Extension Pole	Light Rain - Safe Heavy Rain - Safe	Light Snow - Safe Heavy Snow - Safe	Light Wind - Safe Heavy Wind - Safe	Unsafe
Ground	Light Rain - Safe Heavy Rain - Safe	Light Snow - Safe Heavy Snow - Safe	Light Wind - Safe Heavy Wind - Safe	Unsafe

Under this Policy, temperatures above 35 degrees Celsius shall be defined as constituting 'inclement weather' for work anywhere in North America. This definition will be subject to review in other regions.

When it is expected that the temperature will be 35 degrees Celsius or more, or when the temperature approaches 35 degrees Celsius, the parties on site shall confer regarding the performance of work and the safety of all workers.

As part of a process leading to improvements, it is recognised that hot weather procedures including relocation must be part of formal Health and Safety procedures developed, adopted and managed on a project basis having regard to the different conditions that may prevail on projects in various locations.

Additional considerations to be considered is the amount of direct sunlight and humidity conditions a worker is or may be exposed to in temperatures exceeding 35 degrees Celcius.

Only emergency work shall be considered in temperatures exceeding 35 degrees Celcius.

No work shall be undertaken in temperatures lower than - 25 degrees Celcius. All workers must wear appropriate clothing.