

Hazard Review

- **Slips, trips and falls**
- **Foot injury**
- **Back injury**

Related Safe Work Practices

- **Fuel Safety**
- **Ladders**
- **Lifting and Body Mechanics**

Required Personal Protective Equipment

- **Gloves**
- **Hearing Protection**

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USING A POST HOLE DIGGER

BEFORE

1. Contact USA Alert for location of cables and pipes prior to digging.
2. Ensure that you are using the correct auger bit for the job (see the equipment documentation if unsure).

DURING

1. Position yourself so that if the auger stops you do not get hit by the handle.
2. Operate the auger at slow speeds.
3. Dig the hole in several steps by clearing the soil frequently. This reduces the load and allows for better control.
4. Shut off the drive, and stop the power source if the auger jams. Turn the auger backwards until clear.
5. Watch out for loose shirts, coats and boot laces which may get caught.
6. Turn off the power before cleaning out twigs or grass.
7. Do not lock the drive control in an "ON" position.

AFTER

1. Report any problem or deficiencies noted during your shift. If the problem is serious, make it your responsibility to have the equipment removed from service.

USING A LODGE POLE DRIVER

BEFORE

1. Ensure surrounding area is free of debris, or items you could trip on.

DURING

1. Work from the ground, or if you are using an 8 foot or 10 foot driver, be sure your ladder is stable.
2. When extending the driver upwards, do not overextend, or the unit may come off the pole and cause injury to the head or body.

AFTER

1. Report any problem or deficiencies noted during your shift. If the problem is serious, make it your responsibility to have the equipment removed from service.