**Hazards:** MSI injuries, slips, trips, fall

**Equipment:** N/A

**Personal protective equipment:**

Workers involved in activities around helicopters should use appropriate personal protective equipment including;

* Hi visibility apparel
* Hearing protection
* Eye protection

**Training required:**

* On the job training - Safety talk as per guide and or operator

**Legal requirements:**

* Part 8 of the OH&S Regulation – Personal Protective equipment
* Part 16 of the OH&S Regulation – Mobile Equipment

## Safe Work Procedure

Always plan the duties when loading and unloading a snowcat. Who will communicate with the operator? This helps prevent confusion and accidents. Never toss items from person to person when loading or unloading a snowcat, especially when accessing the roof top equipment. Make visual contract with the person you are handing equipment down to.

**Bundling Skis:**

**Powder Straps**

* Twist both straps together in the same direction around both skis between toe and heel of binding.

**With wrist straps**

* One strap on each ski tip (not two on one)
* Twist strap together up tight
* Place Velcro ski strap (fuzzy side out) between toe and heel bindings through buckle and over itself on Velcro
* This must be tight for loading & unloading
* Drag skis at all times (grasp by the tips)

**Without wrist straps**

* Turn poles upside down nesting one basket on each side of skis in valley between tips
* Use 2 straps: One up near the ski tips and second between toe and heel of binding

**Loading/unloading Equipment**

* The guide will open and close storage caddy
* Keep visual contact with your helper at all times
* Ensure you have stable footing around the machine at all times
* Load or unload the skis or snowboards, with one person holding the tips, while the other person holds the tails.
* Using proper lifting procedures. Load or unload equipment from back storage caddy and or roof top
* When accessing equipment from the back, side or top storage units, ensure that all storage straps are secure for transport and locked in place before the snowcat is in motion. Vibration from the snowcat can easily dislodge improperly secured piece(s) of equipment