

Idling Policy

General Statement

This policy is designed to assist in protecting air quality through reduction of engine idling by employees, customers and product delivery vehicles of the A1 Group. Idling of vehicles wastes fuel, creates pollution and causes premature engine wear. It is every employee's responsibility to minimize fleet operating costs while reducing harmful effects to the environment. Violators are subject to disciplinary action.

In order to reduce engine idling, the following needs to be done:

- A clear Vehicle Idling Policy
- Strong leadership
- Accountability
- A communications / education strategy; and
- Leadership by example at the Management level to keep records (see training records) for all staff training and related documents

Background

Air pollution, particularly ground-level ozone, is an immediate and ongoing concern. It impacts people's health, economic growth, and quality of life. Vehicle exhaust from idling vehicles contributes significantly to air pollution.

The benefits to reducing engine idling are well known: reduced fuel use and related costs, reduced vehicle wear, better air quality and better public image. It is desirable to reduce idling and the A1 Group adopt practices that convey a positive image demonstrating environmental stewardship. Simply put, engine idling should only occur if it is a business necessity or requirement.

Unnecessary idling is a problem and there are many outdated ideas about idling, particularly with respect to diesel engines.

It is our policy to:

- Fleet vehicles will not be parked with the engine operating unless it is essential for performance of work
 - Exceptions are during an initial engine warm-up period
 - To provide for the safety of vehicle occupants, such as extreme cold conditions (e.g. to run the heater when it is below 20 degrees) when engines must be left operating for any reason, the operator will remain with the unit
- To use lift equipment or other equipment necessary to accommodate individuals with one or more disabilities, or loading and unloading products or goods
- When stopped in traffic
- When specific traffic, safety, or emergency situations arise

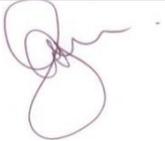
Employee Duties

Employees are expected to cooperate with us fully with regard to this policy. We expect that all reasonable effort will be made to adhere to this policy and its requirement. Should an employee fail to attend a course which is a legal requirement without good reason, we retain the right to treat it as a disciplinary matter.

This policy shall be effective immediately from the date of signature.

Revision

The Company will make all employees aware of this Company Policy.

Signed: 

Date: 1/1/24

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