

SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Operation of air tools
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with operation of air tools
APPLICATION	Air tools are powered by compressed air supplied by rubber hoses.
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	Safe job procedure PPE ERP (Emergency Response Plan)
SELECTION AND USE	As per job requirement Provincial OH&S Legislation
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regularly inspect tools and hoses before using. 2. Obtain underground utility locates for the work area. 3. Wear suitable clothing and personal protective equipment. 4. Use proper shoring or slope equipment when air back tools are used in ditch. 5. Get assistance before lifting or moving heavy objects. 6. Practice good housekeeping. 7. Keep loose fitting clothing away from rotating equipment. 8. Bleed air before disconnecting hoses. 9. Shut-off equipment while re-fuelling. 10. Do not use an air tool for any purpose other than what it is intended for. 11. Follow Air Tool Safe Work Practice step by step.
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