Safe Work Procedure – High Pressure Cleaner

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DO NOT use this equipment unless you are authorised to use it and, have been instructed in its safe use and operation



Safety glasses must be worn at all times in work areas



Rings and jewellery must not be worn



Sturdy footwear must be worn in work area



Close fitting/protective clothing must be worn



Non slip water resistant gloves should be worn



Long and loose hair must be contained

POTENTIAL HAZARDS:

 Includes: Electrocution, slips, trips, flying debris, pressure fluid repetition of movement, awkward posture, muscle fatigue vibration

PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- Gauge if this is the best method to carry out the task
- Do not operate unless you have been trained and understand how the unit works
- Inspect the unit for any damage
- Check immediate work area before each use for hazards. Remove all objects such as rocks, broken glass or rubbish which can be thrown up or become entangled in the machine.
- Hook up to the unit to the water supply and check there are no leaks
- Check the electrical cords for any damage if so do not use and report immediately
- Ensure the hose is laid out to prevent a tripping obstacle
- Advise people in the area of the work to be performed
- If chemicals are going to be used with the high pressure cleaner make sure you have read the Safety Data Sheet and are wearing suitable protective equipment
- Only operate the high pressure cleaner in wash bay
- Ensure proper signage is erected and in the appropriate areas

OPERATIONAL SAFETY

- Ensure the operator is only person present in the area
- Use the unit in the manner as per operational procedure
- Ensure you have a firm grip before engaging full power
- Be alert and mindful of where the nozzle is pointed
- Do not point the nozzle at people, animal, electrical components, wiring, lights, window seals
- Alternate cleaning between high and low areas to reduce back flexion and neck strain from working above shoulder level when cleaning high objects (e.g. cleaning buildings, tall vehicles).
- Swap grip and stance from left to right regularly to reduce muscle overuse and uneven force across the body
- Keep unit away from water jet
- Do not wet electrical connections
- Be aware of flying debris from blast area
- Do not leave the unit running whilst unattended
- Disconnect the power and water supply when not in use

POST-OPERATION:

- Press the trigger to release any remaining pressure in the system.
- Turn off the power and water supply and disconnect the hose.
- Roll up and store the hoses correctly. Roll up and store the electrical cable correctly.
- Store the handgun and spray lance in the accessory point and store appropriately.
- Always leave unit clean and tidy.
- Return the pressure cleaner to the correct storage area

