

18. Pressure Washing Procedure – Water only

Method of works

- Assess pre-works information. Including Asbestos information and report.
- In extremes of weather risk assess weather conditions onsite
- Safe working access for high level works are to be gained via a MEWP. The machine will be operated by a competent person that holds the correct IPAF certificate. Hard hats and restraint safety harnesses are to be used when working with the MEWP. Wind forecasting/reading sites (XC weather – wind maps) along with supervisor onsite judgement to ensure they are not above the 28mph limit for the MEWP. User is to undertake a pre-use inspection of the MEWP prior to use. There is to always be an additional person at ground level who has been given familiarisation training on the emergency controls and is aware of the emergency rescue procedures (See Working At Height)
- PPE to be worn – gloves, hard hat, safety boots, eye protection and hi-vis
- Ensure equipment is not accessible to the public.
- Use appropriate signage/cordon off area, double check the area to ensure there are no trip hazards.
- Undertake works from ground level using extendable poles wherever possible.
- Remove all loose, failing, or suspect material by brushing with a stiff bristle brush (not wire) to a sound edge.
- Care must be taken not to damage the underlying surface.
- Leave all work areas clean, tidy and free of debris.

See additional docs

Working At Height
Manual Handling
PPE

Risk Assessment

Hazard	Control Measures
Falls from height	See Working At Height
Slips Trips and Falls	The site will remain tidy at all practicable times. All designated access/egress routes shall be kept free of slip and trip hazards, and obstructions. All equipment is switched off and/or isolated when unattended. All material that could potentially cause injury is either secured behind barriers or removed from site. WMS to ensure adequate signage is put in place, specifically around any trailing hoses.
REG 8	Care is to be taken when working near any flues. WMS are to ensure that no flues/ventilation points are blocked (ie taped off/netted etc), and that Reg 8 Gas Safety is adhered to at all times.
Manual Handling	Correct lifting techniques are to be used at all times when moving equipment, materials or any heavy loads. Paying particular attention when lifting (stable stance, good grip, keep load close to your waist and do not flex your back).
Hygiene	Good personal hygiene is a necessity washing of hands prior to any breaks (food – ingestion).
Vulnerable Persons	WMS are to ensure the level of communication with building users is of top order. WMS will need to actively manage all risks/hazards and ensure appropriate signage and communication is in place to ensure no unauthorised persons access work areas. Strict segregation of areas required to ensure safe working practices are followed. WMS to ensure all windows are closed before cleaning works take place.
Asbestos	All operatives are to be Asbestos awareness trained. Asbestos surveys are to be and referred to before any works commence. Tradesmen are to remain vigilant at all times when onsite and if any additional suspect materials are identified, site manager is to be informed immediately