



Safe Work Procedure Pressure Washing

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This Safe Work Procedure must be reviewed any time the task, equipment, or materials change and at a minimum every three years.

DO NOT perform this procedure until you have been appropriately trained and authorized to do so.

Required Training

- Must be trained by experienced competent person

Required Personal Protective Equipment and Devices



Rubber CSA Approved Safety Footwear if Required



Hearing Protection Required



Eye Protection Required

Potential Hazards

- Electric Shock.
- Back splashing of eyes and face.
- Slip and fall.
- Hearing loss

Pre-Operational Safety Checks

- Ensure hose are not damaged.
- Ensure that all nozzles and attachments are free of damage and are in good working condition.
- Ensure that all cords are free of tears and fraying.
- Ensure that all plugs have the ground on plugs.
- Ensure that all safety wet floor signs are placed around the immediate work area.

Prohibited Activities

- Do not leave this equipment running unattended
- Do not operate this machine without proper safety equipment.
- Do not spray employees, staff or other people with pressure washer.
- Stay a safe distance away from electrical equipment

Safe Work Procedure

1. Inspect required personal protective equipment and replace if required.
2. Put on all required personal protective equipment.

CAUTION: Do not spray people or self with this machine.

3. Attach high pressure hose to outlet socket at front of machine.

4. Attach water hose to inlet socket at front of machine.
 5. Attach hose to water supply (taps)
 6. Attach spray gun to high pressure hose and secure.
 7. Plug machine in to wall socket
 8. Turn on water.
 9. Turn on power.
 10. Adjust pressure and activate spray gun to remove air from pump and hose.
 11. Adjust the amount of pressure needed for the type of task you are about to do.
- CAUTION: Do not use full power when using the pressure washer it may damage some walls and floors. Adjust to proper pressure needed for each task.**
12. After finishing the task turn off machine.
 13. Turn off water.
 14. Unplug machine from wall socket.
 15. Press the spray gun handle to release the pressure from hose and machine.

If an emergency situation occurs while conducting this task, or there is an equipment malfunction, shut the equipment off immediately and follow the lock out procedure listed below

REPORT ANY HAZARDOUS SITUATION TO YOUR SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY

Housekeeping

- Ensure equipment is off.
- Detach all hoses and power cords.
- Dry any water or dirt that may be on the machine.
- Roll up cords and hoses and store on machines cart.
- Place all materials in their proper storage areas.
- Ensure the equipment is safe, clean and tidy before you leave it.

Guidance Documents/ Standards/ Applicable Legislation/ Other:

Guidance Documents:

- Operator's Manual

CSA Standards:

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Manitoba Regulation 217/06:

- 2.1 Safe Work Procedures
- 6.1 Personal Protective Equipment
- 12.3 Hearing Protection
- 16.4, 16.14 & 16.35 Machine, Tools and Robots

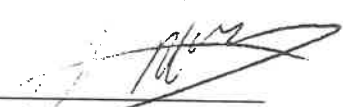
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