

### SAFE WORK PRACTICE

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