



| Safe Work Procedure | | Pressure Washer (Gas Powered) | |
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| Department / Area: Physical Plant Services | Approved By: Regional Manager of Physical Plant Services | Date Created: September 5 2014 | Review Date: |
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| Potential Hazards: Fill in those that apply H M L Risk for Injury Awkward / Sustained postures – twisting, reaching Repetitive Movements - twisting Vibration – (hand, arm) increases effects with time Surfaces causing falls – slippery Noise – gas washer Combustibles / flammables - gas Flying debris can hit operator or bystander | | Personal protective equipment / devices required / other safety considerations: Appropriate closed toe footwear Eye Protection / Goggles and Face Shield Hearing Protection Apron / coveralls | |
| | | Training / Reference Information: SCHIPP Module 1 training Department Orientation Operator's Manual WHMIS Training MSDS Training | |
| Note: Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury (MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness, numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength in a body part. Report these to your supervisor. | | | |
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| Employers must ensure that workers are trained and follow this safe work procedure. Steps to perform this task safely: | | | |
| Inspect the equipment for integrity as well as wear and tear. | | | |
| Replace any compromised equipment, including a high pressure hose, as fluid can easily penetrate skin. | | | |
| Never use your hands to stop or detect leaks. | | | |
| Disengage safety latch on gun trigger if applicable. | | | |
| Never direct end of wand at yourself or others or animals. | | | |
| Ensure that no one is near enough to be struck by debris. | | | |
| Install barriers and signage if required. | | | |
| Do not operate gas powered washers indoors. | | | |
| Never attempt to rinse off any part of your body or others with water jet. | | | |
| Do not drive over, pull on, or kink high pressure hose. | | | |
| When using detergents, follow manufacturer's' instructions for safe use. | | | |
| Keep wand safe distance away from any direct contact of a surface as it could cause kick back. | | | |
| To avoid injury, always engage the safety latch, if applicable, located on the spray gun when not in use or when not spraying. | | | |
| When installing or changing any spray nozzle, always do so with the water turned off at the source, the pressure in the system relieved, the motor unplugged, the motor switch in the "OFF" position, and the safety latch, if applicable, is engaged on the trigger gun. | | | |