

REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION

Date Revised:	September 2024	Overall Task Risk Rating:	Before Controls	В	After Controls	O	
Description:	Removal of existing or damaged materials (including concrete, asphalt, etc) using mechanical or powered tools (including skid steers; jack hammers; breakers; saw cutting, etc).						
Location(s):	Construction Projects						
Associated Documents: Fencing and Hoarding WTS, Underground Hazards and Locates WTS, Hazardous Agents WTS, Noise WTS							

RED FLAGS (HOLD WORK UNTIL CORRECTED):

Note:

If you are not familiar with the safe use of any machinery or equipment, ask your foreman / superintendent for assistance prior to starting

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (CSA APPROVED) Head Foot High-Vis Hearing Hand Eye Respiratory Skin Face Protection \times $|\times|$ $|\times|$ X

Note:

- Additional PPE such as respiratory protection, hand protection and full face protection may be required depending on the task
 - The noise level exceeds 85 dB in the production area. Hearing protection should be worn during prolonged exposure

SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

General Demolition Practices:

- If you are not familiar with the safe use of any machinery or equipment, ask your foreman / superintendent for assistance prior to starting
- Do not demolish structures and/or their structural components, without first receiving consent from a professional structural engineer
- If possible, dust control measures must be implemented
- Workers not directly involved in the demolition process, shall be removed from the immediate / hazardous area
- All equipment must be maintained and operated in a condition that does not endanger a worker

WHMIS And Material Handling:

- When handling hazardous materials follow the Hazardous Agents WTS and use the controls (ventilation, PPE, etc.) appropriate for the task
- If material being demolished contains a designated substance, handle and dispose of it in accordance with regulatory requirements Signs and Barriers:
- Ensure areas where demolition is being conducted, are restricted
- Signage must be posted to ensure workers are aware of potential falling objects, when demolition is occurring
- Implement Fencing and Hoarding WTS when there is a risk of our activities endangering the pedestrian and/or the public

Locates:

- Locate utilities prior to commencing work
- Ensure locates are kept up-to-date, and updated when required
- Ensure workers conducting demolition are provided a copy of locates
- For more information refer to the Underground and Locates Hazards WTS

Inspection:

- Equipment operators must conduct and record pre-use inspections where required for specific pieces of equipment
- Before starting a machine or equipment, ensure guards and safety devices are in place, adjusted and functioning properly
- Do not use defective equipment or machinery, inform your foreman / superintendent they will arrange for the equipment to be serviced
- All exposed moving or rotating parts must be adequately guarded no one is to make any protective guarding ineffective

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Training:

- Employee Orientations (including roles, responsibilities, applicable workplace task standards, WHMIS, etc.)
- Workers required to handle propane must be a holder of a certificate or ROT (record of training) for that purpose
- Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to operate machinery or equipment

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Workers must wear, at a minimum, head, foot, eye and high visibility protection
- Eye protection is required when completing tasks that may cause debris / objects to dislodge or become airborne
- The noise level exceeds 85 dB in the production area. Hearing protection should be worn during prolonged exposure
- Workers must wear respiratory protection when dust levels are in excess
- Respiratory protection and the filters used, must be selected according to the material/ dust at hand

JOB HAZARD AND RISK ANALYSIS RISK RATING SYSTEM A High risk of injury or equipment / proper Medium risk of injury or equipment / proper				
TASK HAZARDS	RATING BEFORE CONTROLS	TASK CONTROLS	RATING AFTER CONTROLS	
Designated Substances	В	 Ensure material being demolished does not contain a designated substance Report unsuspected findings of designated substances 		
High Noise Levels	В	 Workers exposed to high noise levels must use hearing protection (CSA approved Ear plugs / Ear muffs) Workers shall wear appropriate hearing protection where the potential exposure of noise cannot be reduced below the occupational exposure limit of 85 dBA over an 8-hour period 	С	
Electrical Overhead Hazards	В	 Overhead electrical hazards must be identified and avoided Do not operate within legislated safe approach distances of energized overhead electrical hazards (wires) Implement Powerline and Overhead Safety WTS 	С	
Falling Objects	В	 Ensure areas where demolition is being conducted, are restricted Signage must be posted to ensure workers are aware of potential falling objects, when demolition is occurring 	С	
Underground Utilities Not Located	В	 Locate utilities prior to commencing work. Ensure locates are kept up-to-date, and updated as required Ensure workers doing the demolition have copies of locates 		
Pedestrian/Public	В	Implement 'Fencing and Hoarding' Workplace Task Standards	С	
• Dust	С	 If possible, dust control measures must be implemented Wear respiratory protection when dust levels are in excess If it contains a designated substance, handle and dispose of it in accordance with regulatory requirements Respiratory protection and filters are to be selected according to the material/ dust 	С	
Lack of Training	С	 Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to operate machinery or equipment (i.e. cranes & hoisting devices) Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to perform maintenance / repairs 	С	
Improper Use of Equipment	С	Equipment shall be operated as per the manufacturer's instructions	С	



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•	Lack of Inspection	С	 All equipment operators must conduct and record pre-use inspections where required for specific pieces of equipment Equipment must not be used if any major defects are identified - inform your superintendent / foreman 	С
•	Housekeeping	С	 Ensure progressive housekeeping is conducted - Keep a clean working area at all times to avoid tripping hazards 	С
•	Lack of Personal Protective Equipment	С	 Workers on construction projects must wear head, foot, eye and high visibility protection Other PPE may be needed depending on the task 	С

SAFE JOB PROCEDURES (SJP)

Pre-Task Commencement:

- 1. Do not demolish a structure without approval prior to commencement
- 2. Gather and wear the required PPE for the task all must wear head, foot, eye and high visibility protection
- 3. Ensure the site-specific workplace violence assessment is complete
- Complete the Daily GAZZ Card and review with all workers the shift's tasks with any associated hazards and control strategies
- 5. Ensure all workers understand the GAZZ Card contents, and sign off in acknowledgement
- 6. Ensure controls are in place prior to commencing work so risks are mitigated / eliminated
- 7. Determine what equipment / machinery / tools and material, are required for the completion of the task
- 8. Inspect all equipment / machinery / tools prior to use and document the inspections on appropriate forms when required
- 9. Ensure preventative maintenance activities have been completed where required, prior to using equipment / machinery / tools
- 10. If equipment / machinery / tools are observed to be damaged, remove it from use and notify the Foreman / Superintendent
- 11. Install fencing, signage and hoarding where needed
- 12. Locate utilities Call Before You Dig
- 13. Ensure material being demolished does not contain a designated substance
- 14. If material being demolished contains a designated substance, handle and dispose of it in accordance with regulatory requirements

During Task:

- 1. Commence demolition activities, when it is safe to do so
- 2. Do not undermine any structures
- 3. Dispose of material as needed to ensure that appropriate housekeeping is maintained
- 4. Operate equipment machinery and/or tools as per manufacturer's instructions
- 5. When in operation, do not leave equipment, machinery and/or tools or controls unattended
- Shore and brace any materials / structures that are to remain to ensure they do not collapse

Task Completion:

- 1. Ensure all equipment / machinery / tools are maintained and stored appropriately in the designated locations
- 2. Implement any housekeeping or maintenance as required

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