

EXTENSION CORDS

Date Revised:	May 2019	Overall Task Risk Rating:	С
Description:	Activities requiring the use of extension cords.		
Location(s):	Office, Shop, Asphalt Plant & Construction Projects		
Associated Documents: Hazardous Agents WTS			

RED FLAGS (HOLD WORK UNTIL CORRECTED):

Note:

If there are pools of water but you do not have a GFCI protected system, do not commence work

If the cord is faulty or not in good working condition (ie. the ground pin is missing), do not commence work



- When onsite one must adhere to the minimum site requirements (i.e. Safety Boots, Hard Hat & High Visibility Protection. Safety Glasses when necessary)

SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

General Extension Cord Practices:

- All extension cords used in hazardous areas or in damp locations are to be protected by approved ground fault protection
- Make sure extension cords are properly CSA rated for their intended use, indoor or outdoor, and meet or exceed the power needs of the
 appliance or tool being used
- Pull the plug NOT the cord when removing the plug from the receptacle
- Extension cords must be adequately grounded do not break the third prong (the ground pin) off a plug
- Insert plugs fully so that no part of the prongs is exposed when the extension cord is in use Housekeeping:
- All extension cords are to be placed in such a way that they will not be a tripping or falling hazard
- Keep access / egress, walkways, halls and stairs clear of tripping hazards (i.e. electrical cords) Inspections:
- All extension cords will be visually inspected before use
- Extensions cords must be adequately grounded (i.e. ensure they are not missing the ground pin)
- All frayed, cut or spliced extension cords are to be taken out of use and reported to the Foreman / Superintendent
- Never use a cord that feels hot or is damaged in any way. Touching even a single exposed strand can cause an electric shock or burn Training:
 - Employee Orientations (including roles, responsibilities, applicable workplace task standards, WHMIS, etc.)



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JOB HAZARD AND RISK ANALYSIS	RISK RATING High risk of injury or equipment / property damage. B Medium risk of injury or equipment / property damage. C Low risk of injury or equipment / property damage.	
TASK HAZARDS	TASK CONTROLS	RATING
Material Exposure to Weather	Electrical cords used in damp locations are to be GFCI protected	С
 Equipment Failure / Lack of Inspection Visual pre-use inspections of extension cords shall be conducted Damaged extension cords must be taken out of use, and reported to the Foreman / Superintendent 		С
 Slip and Trip Hazard / Lack of Planning 	 Extension cords must be stored in a way that does not limit or restrict access and egress pathways Secure cords when located on floors in high traffic areas 	с
Electrocution	Extension cords shall be operated and maintained as per the manufacturer's instructions	С