

HOT WORK

Date Revised:	April 2019	Overall Task Risk Rating: B					
Description:	Activities that require Hot-Work including any work or process which produces higher temperature surfaces, flames, sparks, electrical discharges, flash etc.						
Location(s):	s): Shop, Asphalt Plant & Construction Projects						
Associated Documents: Housekeeping WTS, Fire Extinguishers WTS, Compressed Gas WTS							

RED FLAGS (HOLD WORK UNTIL CORRECTED):

Note:

- If there is not an adequate fire extinguisher in close proximity, do not commence hot work tasks
- If there are any flammable objects or hazardous materials in close proximity, do not commence hot work tasks



- Depending on the task, additional PPE (i.e. full face protection) may be required

SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

General Hot Work Practices:

- · Where cutting or welding is to be done overhead, a fire watch must be conducted and signs must be posted
- A fire extinguisher of an adequate type and size for the job, must be adjacent / below the work area (charged and regularly inspected)
- Post and ensure compliance with "No Smoking" signs
- The area in which welding is being done should be screened off where applicable
- Develop project specific Hot Work procedures and obtain a Hot Work Permit if required by the owner of the project
- If you are not familiar with the safe use of any machinery or equipment, ask your supervisor or foreman for assistance prior to starting
- Do not attempt to clear jammed machinery without first shutting off power
- Oxygen and acetylene torches must be equipped with a flash back arrestor and check valves
- An alarm or alert system needs to be present, documented in the emergency plan and communicated to all workers Cylinders:
- · For storage and transport, cylinders shall be secured in an upright position
- · Empty cylinders are to be stored separately and clearly marked
- Signage indicating No Smoking shall be posted
- Refer to Compressed Gas WTS for more information

Inspections:

- All equipment operators must conduct and record pre-use inspections where required for specific pieces of equipment
- Fire watches must be conducted during and after overhead hot-work activities are implemented (continue fire watch post work for 30 min.)
- Inspect for damaged cylinders, hoses, torches, vehicles and tar kettles as these can increase risk of fire or explosion with near-by hot work
- Before starting a machine or equipment, ensure guards and safety devices are in place, adjusted and functioning properly



- Do not make any protective devices or guarding ineffective
- Do not use defective equipment, remove it from use and inform your foreman / superintendent they will arrange for it to be serviced
- Keep machines and equipment clean and report any leaks or other noticeable defects

Housekeeping:

- The area in which hot work is being done should be clear of any potentially flammable dust and debris
- Ensure proper storage & handling of flammable or combustible chemicals as they increase risk of fire or explosion with near-by hot work
- Ensure spills and residual contaminants are cleaned up as they could be flammable
- Ensure adequate ventilation

Training:

- Employee Orientations (including roles, responsibilities, applicable workplace task standards, WHMIS, etc.)
- Workers exposed to, or required to work with WHMIS controlled products/material, must be trained in WHMIS accordingly
- Workers required to handle propane must be a holder of a certificate or ROT (record of training) for that purpose
- Every worker who may be required to use fire extinguishing equipment shall be trained in its use

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Workers on construction projects must wear, at a minimum, head, foot and high visibility protection
- Eye protection is required when completing tasks that may cause debris / objects to dislodge or become airborne
- Workers must adhere to all requirements of legislated regulations when handling specific designated substances
- Workers must wear all PPE listed in specific materials SDS
- Wear the appropriate personal protective equipment for the job at hand (i.e. safety glasses, face shield, respirator etc...)
- Gloves are to be worn when working with hot materials
- A face shield will be worn in addition to safety glasses when a worker is exposed to flying projectiles

JOB HAZARD AND RISK ANALYSIS	RISK RATING A 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
Damaged Equipment	Do not use defective equipment, remove it from use and inform your foreman / superintendent	
	 Do not attempt to clear jammed machinery without first shutting off power 	В
	 Hoses and cables must be protected from any possibility of damage (consider suspending them) 	
Lack of Inspection	All equipment operators must conduct and record pre-use inspections where required for specific pieces of equipment	
	Fire watches must be conducted during and after overhead hot-work	С
	• Fire extinguishers must be inspected on a monthly basis	
Lack of Personal Protective Equipment	 Workers on construction projects must wear, at a minimum, head, foot, eye and high visibility protection 	
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	 A face shield will be worn in addition to safety glasses when a worker is exposed to flying projectiles 	
	Gloves are to be worn when working with hot materials	



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•	Fire	•	Ensure adequate ventilation	
		•	Post and ensure compliance with "No Smoking" signs	
		•	The area in which hot work is being done should be clear of any potentially flammable dust and debris	В
		•	Ensure spills and residual contaminants are cleaned up as they could be flammable	
•	Lack of Training	•	Workers exposed to, or required to work with hazardous material, must be trained in WHMIS accordingly	
		•	Workers required to handle propane must be a holder of a certificate or ROT (record of training) for that purpose	В
		•	Every worker who may be required to use fire extinguishing equipment shall be trained in its use	
•	Lack of Fire Protection Measures	•	A fire extinguisher of an adequate type and size for the job, must be adjacent / below the work area (charged and regularly inspected)	В
		•	An alarm or alert system needs to be present, documented in the emergency plan and communicated to all workers	

SAFE JOB PROCEDURES (SJP)

Pre-Task Commencement:

- 1. Gather and wear the required PPE for the task on construction sites, all must wear head, foot and high visibility protection
- 2. Safety Glasses and Face Shield is required when completing tasks that may cause debris / objects to dislodge or become airborne.
- 3. Ensure the site-specific workplace violence assessment is complete
- 4. 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 and hoarding where needed
- 12. Develop project specific Hot Work procedures and obtain a Hot Work Permit if required by the owner of the project
- 13. Identify who will be performing a fire-watch, and where fire extinguishers are needed
- 14. Ensure all personnel and equipment required for fire watches or fire extinguisher use, are readily available onsite
- 15. Ensure hot work tasks are not conducted in areas where flammable or combustible material is present relocate flammable and combustible material as necessary

During Task:

- 1. Ensure fire extinguisher is in close proximity
- 2. Commence Fire Watch for overhead work
- 3. Commence hot work activities if it is safe to do so ensure welding is completed by licensed welders
- 4. Ensure fire watches for overhead work are continued where necessary

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