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OPERATION OF AIR TOOLS

General:

Protecting workers from injuries associated with operation of air tools.

Application:

Air tools are powered by compressed air supplied by rubber hoses.

Protective Mechanisms:

Safe job procedure
Permit system
P.P.E

Selection and Use:

As per job requirement

Supervisor Responsibility:

Supervisors are responsible to facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements.

Worker Responsibility:

1. Regularly inspect tools and hoses before using
2. Obtain underground utility locates for the work area
3. Wear suitable clothing and personal protective equipment
4. Use proper shoring or slope equipment when air back tools are used in ditch
5. Get assistance before lifting or moving heavy objects
6. Practice good housekeeping
7. Keep loose fitting clothing away from rotating equipment
8. Bleed air before disconnecting hoses
9. Shut-off equipment while re-fuelling
10. Do not use an air tool for any purpose other than what it is intended for