Safe Operation of a Pressure Washer

The instructions recommended within this document apply to normal risk conditions.

If the Pressure Washer is to be operated in a dangerous or hostile environment, the user is responsible for conducting an appropriate risk analysis and applying suitable controls to mitigate those additional risks.

**This instruction should be read in conjunction with the Risk Assessment procedure for a Pressure Washer.**

**GENERAL SAFETY**

* Safety glasses, gloves, safety footwear and Hi-Vis Jacket are recommended under operating conditions
* Close fitting protection clothing must be worn
* Hearing protection must be considered when using this machine

**POTENTIAL RISKS**

* Users/Clients should review the risk procedure document for this machine
* Care must be taken to avoid flying debris and cuts and abrasions from spray contact or back spray
* Electrocution can occur from power faults, faulty equipment, incorrect use or spraying electrical power sources
* Brace correctly and move carefully to avoid trips or falls

**TRANSPORT OF PRESSURE WASHER**

* Ensure unit is firmly tied down on transport vehicle without damaging mechanical components or hose
* Make sure hoses are not kinked

**OPERATING CONDITIONS**

* Before use, check power cord, extension lead, hoses, sockets and power outlet for damage
* **DO NOT OPERATE IF ANY FAULTS FOUND**
* Make sure electrical lead test tags are up to date
* Ensure no other persons are in the immediate work area
* Only use pressure washer when hand held and never leave washer when it’s running
* Ensure electrical lead and hose movement is not impeded while working
* **DO NOT OPERATE WASHER UNTIL WATER SUPPLY IS ATTACHED AND RUNNING**
* **DO NOT POINT HOSE AT ANY PERSON INCLUDING THE OPERATOR**
* **DO NOT LOCK TRIGGER IN THE ‘ON’ POSITION**
* Cleaned surface may be damaged if nozzle is too close to that surface
* Monitor work area to ensure no person is in a position to be injured by dislodged material
* **IF ANY PERSON ENCROACHES INTO WORK AREA, IMMEDIATELY RELEASE TRIGGER AND STOP WORK**
* Continually check that electrical lead is not lying in water
* When finished, release trigger and place nozzle on ground pointing away from machine and people
* Turn cleaner off at the machine
* Turn off water supply and disconnect from tap
* Coil power lead and hose and position to one side
* Store unit in an appropriate location

**INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

* Always check power cord, extension lead, hoses, sockets and power outlet for damage
* Check that electrical lead and plugs are not wet
* Make sure electrical lead test tags are up to date
* Make sure hose is not kinked

**The above instructions must be followed at all times. If any of the instructions are not possible, contact the Depot Manager for an assessment of any safety requirements**

The Company will make all employees who use a pressure washer aware of the Safe Operation of a Pressure Washer document and risk assessment.

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