Safety Rules: Compressors and Air Tools	
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Purpose
This document outlines the rules for the safe operation of compressors or air tools.

Scope
This document applies to all authorised maintenance workers, deemed competent by their supervisor.

Training
Supervisors shall arrange for maintenance workers to be trained in the safe and correct operation by a person experienced in compressor and air tool usage and with reference to the Manufacturer's Instruction booklet.

Rules

1. Operators **must follow the operating procedures outlined in the Manufacturer's instruction booklet**. The Manufacturer's Instructions must be kept with the equipment.
2. Ensure the compressor has all guards in place
3. PPE to be worn: Safety glasses or full-face shield, safety boots, hearing protection.
4. Never use a compressor not fitted with relief value and standard equipment relating to fittings
5. Check hoses for possible faults and damage
6. Check air tools for leaks and lubricate as required
7. Never repair an air tool whilst connected to a compressor
8. Never use compressed air to "dust down" any part of your body or clothing
9. Use appropriate manual handling techniques – do not bend and twist the back, use the legs. Take regular rest breaks.