



## Safety Rules: High Pressure Cleaners

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### Purpose

This document outlines the rules for the safe operation of high pressure cleaners

### 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 high pressure cleaner 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. Always check hoses, lances and other fittings for wear and leaks before operation. If issues are found, the equipment must be tagged "out of service", **not used** and referred for maintenance or replacement as appropriate.
3. The operator must ensure there are no persons or public property that may be hit by flying debris, sticks, stones, wire etc. If required the work area must be cordoned off and members of the public kept clear. In high traffic areas, utilise a second worker to assist with keeping the public clear and watching for debris. Where possible, schedule high pressure cleaning for times when the public will not be in the vicinity.
4. PPE to be worn: suitable wet weather clothing, safety glasses or full-face shield, safety boots, hearing protection.
5. Never use high pressure cleaners to clean any part of your body or clothing
6. Use appropriate manual handling techniques – do not bend and twist the back, use the legs. Take regular rest breaks. Do neck exercises if cleaning high areas.