

# Standard Operating Procedure

## Pressure Washing

### HAZARDS:

Slip, trip or fall, Electric shock, Manual handling injury (sprain/strain)

### WARNING NOTICE:

Always ensure that you visually check surroundings of area for any hazards prior to commencement of the task.

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of pressure washing is to clean built up dirt and grime

### EQUIPMENT / MATERIALS:

- Pressure washer
- Safety signs / barricade type
- Garden hose
- Fuel & Funnel (for petrol pressure washer – if applicable)
- Spill kit
- Rigger gloves
- Weather resistant clothing – wet weather or sun protection
- Safety Goggles/Glasses, Hi-vis Uniform, Safety footwear

### PREPARATION:

- Ensure all equipment is with you before work commences
- Put on all PPE prior to the commencement of tasks
- Ensure all safety signs and barricades are predominately placed around the area you will be working
- Check pressure washer for any damage (broken leads, hoses, etc) and if necessary report to your supervisor.

### PROCEDURE:

- Ensure you are wearing the appropriate PPE including the hi-vis uniform
- Place safety signs & barricades in position and clear the area. Using a vehicle as additional barricade is recommended, so long as it does not cause traffic impediment to local roads
- Take extra care when working on wet slippery surfaces.
- **Do not** point the high-pressure wand at a person.
- Position and connect equipment to commence pressure washing
- Standing at least 1.5 meters surface, commence washing the signage
- **Do not** maintain/hold pressure washer on one position for longer than 5 seconds, as this may impact soft surfaces
- Hold pressure washer wand with both hands and work the wand from shoulder to shoulder  
**Do not** swing the wand side to side in fast and erratic movements.
- Once the job has been completed, the disconnect hoses ensuring the water tap is turned off.
- Electrical cords are to be switched off at the power point, removed from the socket and wound up for storage (if applicable). Ensure hands are dry.
- Return all equipment to vehicle / storage room.

**CARE OF EQUIPMENT:**

- Wipe down pressure washer and return it to the vehicle / storage room
- Wind up hoses (and electrical cords, if applicable) and return it to the vehicle / storage room
- If equipment has been damaged during service, notify your Supervisor immediately
- Safety signs and barricades to be neatly stored back in vehicle / storage room

**NOTE:** Report any leaking taps, faulty appliances and incorrect disposal of waste materials to your site supervisor or manager.