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DOC-CAP-SWI · Compressed Air and Pressure Washers Safe Work Instruction Template

Product Overview

For: Businesses whose workers use compressors, air tools, air hoses and pressure washers: owners, supervisors, WHS advisers and workplace assessors

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SAMPLE

An editable compressed air and pressure washer safe work instruction: what the worker does, step by step, the hazards and controls, and the points where the work stops.

The safe work instruction sets out the purpose and scope, who may do the work, the equipment, the hazards and their controls (most effective first), PPE, the steps with clear stop points, the stop-work points, emergencies, consultation and approval, and a signed acknowledgement.

It is the same safe work instruction as in the Compressed Air and Pressure Washer Safety & Competency Pack (DOC-CAP-PACK), word for word. The Compressed Air and Pressure Washers VOC Assessment Template (DOC-CAP-VOC) and the Compressed Air and Pressure Washers Field Verification Checklist (DOC-CAP-FV) are also sold on their own. The Compressed Air and Pressure Washer Safety & Competency Pack (DOC-CAP-PACK) contains them all: the safe work instruction, the compressed air and pressure washer pre-use checklist, the VOC and the field verification, with a setup guide.

No high risk work licence is needed for using compressed air equipment or pressure washers under the WHS Regulations or, in Victoria, the OHS Regulations. The business must still make sure each worker is trained, competent and supervised for the work. Some pressure equipment, such as larger air receivers, may need to be registered with the regulator and inspected in service. Electrical repairs are for a licensed electrician. A VOC is the business's own check that a worker can do the work safely at its site: it is not a licence and it is not a nationally recognised qualification.

These documents support your business to manage risk and meet its WHS or OHS duties. They do not do that on their own. They are general templates: adapt them to your equipment, your site and your people, consult your workers, and check that the controls they describe are in place and working.

What is included

Item	File
Compressed air and pressure washer safe work instruction: hoses, couplings, whip checks, pressure ratings and reaction force; stop-work points	02_SAFE_WORK_INSTRUCTION/Compressed Air and Pressure Washer Safe Work Instruction.docx and .pdf
Setup note: what to adapt before use, and every placeholder	01_START_HERE/Setup Note.pdf
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Compressed Air and Pressure Washer Safe Work Instruction

How to use compressors, air tools and pressure washers safely at [Site name]

Document number		**Version**	
Site		**Work area**	
Approved by		**Review date**	

1 Purpose and scope

This instruction sets out how to use compressed air equipment and pressure washers, including **[Make and model]**, safely at **[Site name]**: hoses and couplings, whip checks, pressure ratings, reaction force, never blowing down people or clothing, and the points where the operator must stop.

It applies to every operator at the site, including contractors and hire users. It does not replace the manufacturer's operating instructions. Where they differ, follow the manufacturer and tell your supervisor, so this instruction can be corrected.

2 Who may do the work

- Has a current VOC for this work, and any licence or training the work needs
- Has been authorised by **[Supervisor name]** to do the work at this site
- Is fit for work, and has read this instruction and signed the acknowledgement at the end

Licence

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3 The equipment

Fill in one copy for each item of equipment, or list each one this instruction covers.

Equipment covered: [Make and model]	
Equipment IDs: [Equipment ID]	
Maximum working pressure: [Maximum working pressure]	
Hoses, couplings and whip checks in use	
Manufacturer's instructions kept at: [Operator's manual location]	

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END OF THE FREE SAMPLE

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What the full product contains

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