



West Bay Sanitary District Code of Safe Practice

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Questions or comments regarding this
Code of Safe Practice should be directed
to the Regulatory Compliance Coordinator.

Pneumatic Tools

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Review safe work practices for applicable equipment (including rental equipment) and perform pre-operational checks.
- Review and understand the manufacturer's operator's manual for this equipment.
- Set the air pressure at, but not higher than the manufacturer's recommendation.
- Turn off the air supply and disconnect the supply hose before installing, removing or adjusting any accessory to the tool, or before performing any maintenance on the tool.

CAUTIONS

- Do not use damaged, frayed or deteriorated air hoses and fittings.
- Always use clean, dry air and manufacturer's recommended pressure. Dust, corrosive fumes and/or excessive moisture can ruin the motor of an air tool.
- Do not lubricate the pneumatic tool with flammable or explosive liquids such as kerosene, diesel or jet fuel.
- Maintain labels on the pneumatic equipment.
- Do not operate a pneumatic impact tool unless you are able to handle the weight, bulk and power of the tool.
- Always wear eye (vision) protection when using an impact wrench.
- Keep hands, loose clothing and long hair away from rotating end of the tool.
- Note the position of the reversing lever and be aware of the direction of tool rotation at all times.
- The impact wrench may continue to rotate briefly after throttle is released.

- Keep your body positioned for the sudden changes of motion and speed of an impact wrench. Remain balanced; do not overreach.
- Air-powered tools vibrate while in use. Vibration, repetitive motions or uncomfortable positions may be harmful to your hands and arms. Stop using any tool if discomfort, tingling feeling or pain occurs.
- Use only impact sockets and accessories. Do not use hand (chrome-plated) sockets or accessories.
- Do not work in or around flammable or explosive liquids.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Protection Area	PPE Required
Eye	Safety glasses or goggles meeting the ANSI Z87.1 Standard.
Face	
Hand	Vibration isolated work gloves when necessary.
Head	
Foot	Leather steel toe safety shoes or boots when appropriate.
Body	
Respiratory	
Hearing	