

# **REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION**

Date Revised:	March 2021	Overall Task Risk Rating:	Before Controls	В	After Controls	С			
Description:	Removal of existing or damaged materials (including concrete, asphalt, etc) using mechanical or powered tools (including skid steers; jack hammers; breakers; saw cutting, etc).								
Location(s):	Construction Projects								
Associated Documents: Fencing and Hoarding WTS, Underground Hazards and Locates WTS, Hazardous Agents WTS, Noise WTS									

# **RED FLAGS (HOLD WORK UNTIL CORRECTED):**

Note:

If you are not familiar with the safe use of any machinery or equipment, ask your foreman / superintendent for assistance prior to starting



- The noise level exceeds 85 dB in the production area. Hearing protection should be worn during prolonged exposure

# SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

General Demolition Practices:

- If you are not familiar with the safe use of any machinery or equipment, ask your foreman / superintendent for assistance prior to starting
- Do not demolish structures and/or their structural components, without first receiving consent from a professional structural engineer
- If possible, dust control measures must be implemented
- · Workers not directly involved in the demolition process, shall be removed from the immediate / hazardous area
- All equipment must be maintained and operated in a condition that does not endanger a worker

### WHMIS And Material Handling:

- When handling hazardous materials follow the Hazardous Agents WTS and use the controls (ventilation, PPE, etc.) appropriate for the task
- If material being demolished contains a designated substance, handle and dispose of it in accordance with regulatory requirements Signs and Barriers:
- Ensure areas where demolition is being conducted, are restricted
- Signage must be posted to ensure workers are aware of potential falling objects, when demolition is occurring
- Implement Fencing and Hoarding WTS when there is a risk of our activities endangering the pedestrian and/or the public Locates:
- Locate utilities prior to commencing work
- Ensure locates are kept up-to-date, and updated when required
- Ensure workers conducting demolition are provided a copy of locates
- For more information refer to the Underground and Locates Hazards WTS

Inspection:

- Equipment operators must conduct and record pre-use inspections where required for specific pieces of equipment
- Before starting a machine or equipment, ensure guards and safety devices are in place, adjusted and functioning properly
- Do not use defective equipment or machinery, inform your foreman / superintendent they will arrange for the equipment to be serviced
- All exposed moving or rotating parts must be adequately guarded no one is to make any protective guarding ineffective



Training:

- Employee Orientations (including roles, responsibilities, applicable workplace task standards, WHMIS, etc.)
- Workers required to handle propane must be a holder of a certificate or ROT (record of training) for that purpose
- Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to operate machinery or equipment

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Workers must wear, at a minimum, head, foot, eye and high visibility protection
- Eye protection is required when completing tasks that may cause debris / objects to dislodge or become airborne
- The noise level exceeds 85 dB in the production area. Hearing protection should be worn during prolonged exposure
- Workers must wear respiratory protection when dust levels are in excess
- Respiratory protection and the filters used, must be selected according to the material/ dust at hand

JOB HAZARD AND RISK ANALYSIS		RISK RATING SYSTEM	/ property damage.	
TASK HAZARDS	RATING BEFORE CONTROLS	TASK CONTROLS	RATING AFTER CONTROLS	
Lack of Training	С	<ul> <li>Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to operate machinery or equipment (i.e. cranes &amp; hoisting devices)</li> <li>Only trained, authorized personnel are allowed to perform maintenance / repairs</li> </ul>		
Improper Use of Equipment	C	Equipment shall be operated as per the manufacturer's instructions		
Lack of Inspection	<ul> <li>All equipment operators must conduct and record pre-use inspections where required for specific pieces of equipment</li> <li>Equipment must not be used if any major defects are identified - inform your superintendent / foreman</li> </ul>		С	
Housekeeping	C	<ul> <li>Ensure progressive housekeeping is conducted - Keep a clean working area at all times to avoid tripping hazards</li> </ul>	С	
Designated Substances	В	<ul> <li>Ensure material being demolished does not contain a designated substance</li> <li>Report unsuspected findings of designated substances</li> </ul>	С	
Dust	<ul> <li>If possible, dust control measures must be implemented</li> <li>Wear respiratory protection when dust levels are in excess</li> <li>If it contains a designated substance, handle and dispose of it in accordance with regulatory requirements</li> <li>Respiratory protection and filters are to be selected according to the material/ dust</li> </ul>		С	
High Noise Levels	<ul> <li>Workers exposed to high noise levels must use hearing protection (CSA approved Ear plugs / Ear muffs)</li> <li>Workers shall wear appropriate hearing protection where the potential exposure of noise cannot be reduced below the occupational exposure limit of 85 dBA over an 8-hour period</li> </ul>		С	
Electrical Overhead Hazards	в	Overhead electrical hazards must be identified and avoided     Do not operate within logicilated onto approach distances of operational		
Falling Objects	в	<ul> <li>Ensure areas where demolition is being conducted, are restricted</li> <li>Signage must be posted to ensure workers are aware of potential falling objects, when demolition is occurring</li> </ul>	С	

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<ul> <li>Underground Utilities Not Located</li> </ul>	В	<ul> <li>Locate utilities prior to commencing work.</li> <li>Ensure locates are kept up-to-date, and updated as required</li> <li>Ensure workers doing the demolition have copies of locates</li> </ul>	• C
<ul> <li>Lack of Personal Protective Equipment</li> </ul>	С	<ul> <li>Workers on construction projects must wear head, foot, eye and high visibility protection</li> <li>Other PPE may be needed depending on the task</li> </ul>	• c
• Pedestrian/Public <b>B</b>		Implement 'Fencing and Hoarding' Workplace Task Standards	• C

### SAFE JOB PROCEDURES (SJP)

### Pre-Task Commencement:

- 1. Do not demolish a structure without approval prior to commencement
- 2. Gather and wear the required PPE for the task all must wear head, foot, eye and high visibility protection
- 3. Ensure the site-specific workplace violence assessment is complete
- 4. Complete the Daily GAZZ Card and review with all workers the shift's tasks with any associated hazards and control strategies
- 5. Ensure all workers understand the GAZZ Card contents, and sign off in acknowledgement
- 6. Ensure controls are in place prior to commencing work so risks are mitigated / eliminated
- 7. Determine what equipment / machinery / tools and material, are required for the completion of the task
- 8. Inspect all equipment / machinery / tools prior to use and document the inspections on appropriate forms when required
- 9. Ensure preventative maintenance activities have been completed where required, prior to using equipment / machinery / tools
- 10. If equipment / machinery / tools are observed to be damaged, remove it from use and notify the Foreman / Superintendent
- 11. Install fencing, signage and hoarding where needed
- 12. Locate utilities Call Before You Dig
- 13. Ensure material being demolished does not contain a designated substance
- 14. If material being demolished contains a designated substance, handle and dispose of it in accordance with regulatory requirements

### During Task:

- 1. Commence demolition activities, when it is safe to do so
- 2. Do not undermine any structures
- 3. Dispose of material as needed to ensure that appropriate housekeeping is maintained
- 4. Operate equipment machinery and/or tools as per manufacturer's instructions
- 5. When in operation, do not leave equipment, machinery and/or tools or controls unattended
- 6. Shore and brace any materials / structures that are to remain to ensure they do not collapse

### Task Completion:

- 1. Ensure all equipment / machinery / tools are maintained and stored appropriately in the designated locations
- 2. Implement any housekeeping or maintenance as required