



SAFE WORK PRACTICE

TITLE	Using Cleaning solvents
GENERAL	Protecting workers from injuries associated with the use of cleaning solvents
APPLICATION	Cleaning solvents are used in construction work to clean tools, equipment and within shop, for general cleaning.
PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS	WHMIS MSDS in place & current PPE Respiratory protection {if required} ERP (Emergency Response Plan)
SELECTION AND USE	As per job requirement
SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITY	To facilitate and/or provide proper instruction to their workers on protection requirements
WORKER RESPONSIBILITY	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure all WHMIS requirements are met.2. Check toxic hazards of all solvents before use. (M.S.D.S.)3. When breathing hazards exists, use the appropriate respiratory protection.4. Use non-flammable solvents for general cleaning.5. Store flammables and solvents in special storage containers/areas.6. Ensure that proper containers are used for transportation, storage and field use of solvents/flammables.7. Do not use solvents in areas where food may be contaminated.
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