


SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

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TASK	Operation of Pressure Washer					
HAZARDS	Flying debris	✓	Heat / cold	✓	Electricity	
	Cuts / laceration		Dust		Rollover	
	Pinch / crush		Noise / vibration	✓	Plant interaction	
	High pressure	✓	Chemical		Other:	
PPE REQUIRED						

PRE-START CHECKS

1. Inspect the pressure washer for any damage, leaks, or worn parts.
2. Check hoses and connections to ensure they're secure and not damaged.
3. Confirm that the cleaning nozzle is appropriate for the task.
4. Clear the area of debris and secure loose objects that might become projectiles.

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1. Connect the pressure washer to the water supply and turn it on according to the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Start with the nozzle held at a safe distance from the surface to be cleaned, gradually moving closer as needed.
3. Maintain a firm grip on the spray gun. The force of the water can make it difficult to control.
4. Avoid directly spraying windows, electrical outlets, or any electrical appliances to prevent damage and electrical hazards.
5. Never point the pressure washer at people, animals, or plants.
6. Use the pressure washer in an open, well-ventilated space to minimize the risk of inhaling fumes from gas-powered models.
7. Be mindful of slippery surfaces when working with water.

POST-OPERATION PROCEDURE

1. Turn off the pressure washer and disconnect it from the water supply.
2. Release any remaining pressure carefully according to the manufacturer's instructions.
3. Clean and inspect the nozzle and spray gun for blockages or damage.
4. Drain hoses and the pressure washer.
5. Store the pressure washer in a dry, safe place out of the reach of children.
6. Report any defects or problems noted during use or inspection.
7. Document the maintenance and usage log, if applicable, for future reference and compliance.