

GRAVITY

SECTION 4

CHAPTER 15

PERFORMING PRESSURE WASHING OPERATIONS

Purpose

This section establishes the policy for safely performing pressure washing operations.

Scope

This program applies to all Company locations and personnel who are involved in performing pressure washing operations.

In this chapter

Topic	See Page
Performing Pressure Washing	2

Performing Pressure Washing

Purpose This document describes the Company safety policies regarding pressure washing.

Authorized personnel Only trained employees will perform pressure washing.

Required personal protective equipment Before pressure washing, always put on the following required personal protective equipment:

- goggles or full face shield
- steel toed boots (leather or rubber)
- gloves

IF a detergent is used in pressure washing, **THEN** consult the MSDS for that detergent to determine any specific PPE requirements.

Safety precautions Perform pressure washing only in approved areas. All electrical components in the approved areas must be water resistant.

Before pressure washing equipment:

- put on required personal protective equipment
- clear the area of personnel who are not involved in pressure washing
- ensure the wand has a positive shut off feature

During pressure washing:

- do not point the wand toward yourself or other employees
- **IF** pressure washing with hot water, **THEN** make sure that the unit is positioned away from any flammable or combustible liquids and all exhaust piping is constructed properly

After pressure washing:

- ensure area is free of all tripping hazards
- ensure the wand is returned to proper storage rack

Never tie back the trigger on a wand used for pressure washing.
