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1. PURPOSE

To ensure work is carried out in a safe manner as to minimise the risk of accident and / or injury.

2. SCOPE

This procedure addresses the usage of angle grinders

3. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Supervisors

Supervisors must ensure that all personnel follow this operating procedure and that risks surrounding the use of angle grinders are communicated to all employees prior to any work commencing.

4. **PPE REQUIREMENTS**

Gloves	
Hard hat	\bigcirc
Safety shoes	
Safety goggles	
Overall	
Dust mask	0
Ear Protection (Depending on area)	

5. GENERAL

a) Not applicable

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6. PROCEDURE

6.1 <u>Risk Assessment</u>

A Pre-work Risk Assessment must be completed prior to the use of an angle grinder. The risk assessment must cover all aspects of the work to be conducted. It must not be limited only to the use of the angle grinder but shall cover the following aspects.

- Where the work is to be conducted
- Resources required to conduct the work
- Height at which the work is to be conducted.
- Work in the immediate vicinity that may affect the person or who he may affect.
- Flammable materials or gases in the vicinity
- Condition of tools

A. No	B. Significant steps of Task/Process	C. What can cause an incident	D. What must be done to prevent an incident	<i>E.</i> Special tools, equipment to be used	F. PPE to be used	G. General comments
1	Angle Grinder Pre –Use Inspection					
1.1	Check Plug and Cord	Damaged Cord and Plug	Ensure that Plug and cord is in a serviceable condition			Electrical Equipment to be checked as per planned maintenance schedule
1.2	Inspect Guard	Lack of / Loose guarding	Ensure guard is fitted and secure			
1.3	Inspect grinding or cutting disc	Cracked or Chipped Disc's	Replace Disc if Faulty			
1.4	Inspect on/off switch button	Faulty switch button	Ensure that switch is functional			See point 101.
1.5	Check if disc is secure	Loose screw flange or worn disc	Tighten Screw flange or replace disc	Angle Grinder Spanner		
2	Operating Angle Grinder				Hardhats Spectacles	

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		Face shield		
		Overall		
		Ear Plugs		
		Boots		
		Dust Mask		
		Gloves		

7. REFERENCE

Occupational Health & Safety Act (85 of 1993) and regulations as amended General Safety Regulations Construction Regulation 2014

8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Baseline Risk Assessment