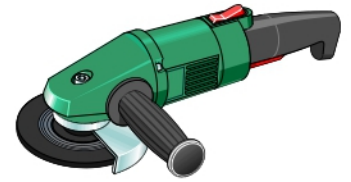


# SAFE WORK PROCEDURE FOR AN ANGLE GRINDER

This safe work procedure applies to the use of battery, pneumatic and electrically powered angle grinders.

**YOU** must only use an angle grinder in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions – **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**DO NOT** use an angle grinder unless you have been trained in its safe use and have been deemed competent.



## POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND RISKS WHEN USING AN ANGLE GRINDER

Hazard	Risk
Flying particles/dust	Eye and impact injuries/contaminates
Noise	Hearing damage
Rotating disc	Starvation and hand injuries
Sharp edges	Cuts and abrasions
Electric shock	Electric shock
Awkward posture	Muscular stress, sprains, strains
Vibration	



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	Wear appropriate PPE		Wear eye protection
	Wear hearing protection		Wear gloves
	Wear fall protection		Wear high visibility clothing

### BEFORE OPERATING AN ANGLE GRINDER

- Check that you are familiar with all the angle grinder controls before starting the work.
- Check that the guard and wheels are fitted correctly and that the guard is fully open.
- Check that the disc is fitted correctly and that the disc is not damaged or cracked.
- Check that the disc is not damaged, cracked, or chipped.
- Check the disc for damage, cracks, or chipping, especially on the outer edge.
- Be sure to remove the energy source (battery or power cord) before repairing or changing the disc.
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### OPERATING AN ANGLE GRINDER

- Check that the machine is being used in a safe manner.
- Always keep both hands on the angle grinder to control movement.
- Always keep the guard open.
- Hold the grinding disc at a 90° to 120° angle to work with the machine.
- Always grind in a way that pushes the disc back away from you and never towards you.
- Always use the correct technique for grinding.
- Check that you are wearing the correct PPE for the work you are doing.
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### AFTER OPERATING AN ANGLE GRINDER

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