

Abrasive Blasting Policy

The purpose of the Abrasive Blasting Policy is to protect employees from hazards associated with abrasive blasting and to ensure compliance with New Hampshire Department of Labor 1403.02 Abrasive Blasting.

A. Employer Responsibilities

It is the employer's responsibility to provide blast-cleaning nozzles with an operating valve that can be held open manually and a support on which the nozzle shall be mounted on when not in use. The employer shall also be responsible for training employees in the proper use of the blast-cleaning enclosures. Proper personal protective gear must be provided to employees. Lastly, all blasting must take place outside of the building.

B. Employee's Responsibilities

The employee shall be responsible for mounting blast-cleaning nozzles when not in use. In addition, the employee must always wear approved personal protective equipment including a respirator while blasting.

C. Procedural Overview

Before blasting operation takes place, it must be clear that the work zone shall be outside in an approved area away from other personnel. It shall also be done using approved respirator and other Personal Protective Equipment required by the Town of Amherst according to manufacturer guidelines.

During blasting operation, the blasting nozzle must be removed from proper mount. The desired work must be performed within the approved work area.

After blasting operations have been complete, the blasting nozzle shall be removed from work area and placed upon proper mount.

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