



Minimum Standard for Water Blasting Activities

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Purpose:	To inform people of the minimum safety standards that must be met before, during and after water blasting activities at Vessel Works.
Definitions:	<i>Water blasting:</i> Using a pressurised source of water for cleaning purposes
Minimum Standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone undertaking water blasting at Vessel Works must be pre-approved to do so by Vessel Works. • Activity must only be completed by a competent person. • Equipment must be appropriately serviced and fit for purpose. • Work activities must be planned to provide safe access to the equipment, vessel, item or surface being jetted. • Adequate PPE must be used for the job, i.e. hearing protection, eye protection. • Overspray must be managed so that it doesn't leave the approved activity area or affect other vessels. • Run off and contaminants must be cleared from the hardstand immediately after washing. • Water blasting systems must be depressurised and secured when not in use, are left unattended, components are being replaced or repairs are being made to the system. • If using electric water blaster, ensure that risk of electrocution is appropriately controlled. • If using diesel water blaster, ensure that risk of spills and fire are appropriately controlled.
Further Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If water blasting at height refer to the Minimum Standard for Working at Height and/or Minimum Standard for Mobile Elevated Work Platform. • If water blasting in a confined space refer to the Minimum Standard for Confined Spaces.
Competency:	<i>Competent person:</i> is someone that has the appropriate knowledge and skills to carry out a particular task. This may be acquired through training, qualification, experience, or a combination of these. If the person carrying out the work is not deemed competent they must be closely supervised by a competent person.