**Safe Work Practice**

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| Name of Job:**Using Cleaning solvents** | Development Date:**March 17th, 2011** | Developed By:**CSNS** |

**Possible Hazards Present**

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| Exposure to paint products, solvents, [lead](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/chemicals/chem_profiles/lead/) and other toxic substances | Proximity to [flammable or combustible](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/chemicals/flammable/) materials | Risk of [eye injury](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/prevention/ppe/glasses.html) | [Slips, trips and falls](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/safety_haz/falls.html) |
| Risk of injury from falling objects | Exposure to [moulds, fungi and bacteria](http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/biol_hazards/iaq_mold.html) |  |  |

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Devices Recommended**

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| Head protection  | Eye Protection | Foot protection | Skin Protection |
| Respirator Equipment | Skin Protection  |  |  |

**What are some good general safe work practices?**

* **DO** ensure all WHMIS requirements are met.
* **DO** check toxic hazards of all solvents before use. (M.S.D.S.)
* **DO** ensure that when breathing hazards exists, the appropriate respiratory protection is used.
* **DO** Use non-flammable solvents for general cleaning.
* **DO** Store flammables and solvents in special storage containers/areas.
* **DO** Ensure that proper containers are used for transportation, storage and field use of solvents/flammables.
* **Do not** use solvents in areas where food may be contaminated.