**Sample General Safe Work Practice for Propane Torch**

A flame from a propane torch can reach temperatures of over 1093˚c. Workers applying torch on products can receive serious burns from both the torch flame and the hot modified bitumen sheets they are applying.

* When using a torch, workers must wear additional protective clothing (gloves, eye protection).
* Prior to use, ensure that torching equipment is in good working order and the cylinder valves are clean. Check that fittings, hoses and heads are secure.
* DO NOT USE defective equipment.
* Use soapy water to check connections for leaks.
* Only use a spark lighter or electronic starter to light torch.
* Protect the propane hose from damage by:
  + Keeping torch flame away from hose.
  + Keeping hose free of kinks.
  + Not running over hose with equipment.
  + Not using the hose to lift the cylinder.
* A torch flame is difficult to see in daylight, be aware of and keep away from the flame. 8. NEVER LEAVE AN OPERATING TORCH UNATTENDED.
* Other than the operator, all workers should stay at least 1 metre away from the torch.
* Set torch units into support leg position when not in use.
* To shut off torch, close cylinder valve first, let gas burn out, close torch valve.
* At the end of the day, disconnect hoses and store properly.