

## Safe Work Procedure

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### Hand Tools – Wrenches

- Always wear CSA approved safety glasses or face shield when using wrenches.
- Grip the wrench so that you will not endanger yourself in case it slips.
- Use the correct jaw to avoid slippage.
- Face an adjustable wrench forward. Turn wrench so pressure is against permanent jaw.
- Pull on a wrench; do not push.
- Adjust your stance and pull when applying excess force.
- Stand aside when work is done with wrenches overhead.
- Maintain all leverage tools and keep at the correct adjustment during use.
- Clean and place tools and wrenches in a tool box, rack or tool belt after use.
- Do not use pie wrenches on nuts or bolts.
- Do not use a wrench on moving machinery.
- Do not interchange tools. Never use pliers instead of a wrench, or wrench as a hammer.
- Do not use a makeshift wrench, do not use worn adjustable wrenches. Inspect the knurl. Jaw and pin for wear.
- Do not strike a wrench with a hammer, or similar object, to gain more force.
- Do not increase the leverage by adding sleeved additions to increase tool length.

**Wrenches are made in various shapes and sizes and for many uses. Use the correct wrench for the job.**