

# **Hot Work Permit**

# Can this job be avoided? Is there a safer alternative?

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A Hot Work Permit is required for any non-production or maintenance operation involving cutting, welding, grinding, open flames or producing heat and/or sparks that is not completed in a permanently designated hot work area. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of any electric, oxy-acetylene, laser or similar welding or cutting equipment, grinders, gas torches or blow lamps (including electric hot air blowers) for brazing, soldering, thawing pipes, torch applied flooring or roofing materials or removal of any materials. The Permit must be displayed at the work site & returned upon completion of work. (See page 4 for additional information & instructions on completing this Permit.)

CAUTION: Hot Work is not to be completed on any type of plastic or foam insulated construction material (refer to the Chubb Plastic Foam Construction Material (PFCM) Permit). Special or High Hazard process or storage facilities may require additional precautions.

1. Application for Hot Wo Company performing work Person performing work	ork		D		
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Person performing work			Dept		
Phone (bus)		Phone (mobile)			
Location of work					
Description of Work					
Equipment to be Used					
2. Permit duration (Maxin	num duration - 1 shift/12 hrs*)				
Permit begins	Date		Time		
Permit expires	Date		Time		
3. Emergency informatio	on				
If a fire occurs, call		At phone			
Activate nearest fire alarm at					
4. Authorisation by comp	pany representative				
Prior to authorising the work, the <b>Permit Authorising Individual</b> shall inspect the work area and confirm that the following precautions have been taken. Each item is to be checked prior to commencement of the work. (Delete & initial if & where Not Applicable). <b>All applicable precautions are to be adhered to for the duration of the work</b> .					
<b>General Precautions</b>					
<ul> <li>□ In accordance with local health &amp; safety requirements, perform a risk assessment to determine if there is a safer alternative to performing the job without using hot work. Available sprinkler &amp;/ or heat detectors, other fire suppression systems, hose streams and extinguishers are in service and good repair.</li> <li>□ Smoke detectors isolated in work area (where installed) &amp; Chubb Impairment Procedures followed. Note only the zone where the hot work is being carried out should be isolated for the period whilst hot work is in progress.</li> <li>□ Work area adequately ventilated.</li> <li>□ Have appropriate fire extinguishers available for use, and where practical small hoses, at worksite. Ensure the hot work operators and fire watch are trained in the use of the extinguishing</li> </ul>		duration of Special per vessels or per combustible of Hot work midentified a have been hazard assuand during Contractor Fire Safety	<ul> <li>□ Ensure hot work equipment is in good repair prior to and for the duration of the hot work operation.</li> <li>□ Special permission obtained to conduct hot work on metal vessels or piping lined with rubber, plastic, or any other combustible material.</li> <li>□ Hot work not being performed in a hazardous/classified zone identified as having an explosive atmosphere, unless air samples have been taken and the area is certified as being safe. Constant hazard assessment (monitoring) should be performed prior to and during the duration of the hot work service.</li> <li>□ Contractors and all hot work operators are aware of Company Fire Safety Procedures.</li> <li>□ All parties involved with the hot work are familiar with means of</li> </ul>		

Within Minimum 11 metres (this may need to be extended in		sk assessment - e.g. where overhead hot work is undertaken)		
<ul> <li>□ Wet down combustible floors, or cover with damp sand or other non-combustible shield.</li> <li>□ Pits, trenches, etc. and surroundings inspected and cleared of combustible materials, flammable liquids, gases or vapours.</li> <li>□ Use certified ATEX rated and calibrated combustible gas detectors/meters to monitor potentially explosive atmospheres and do not perform Hot Work if quantities exceed recommended levels.</li> <li>□ Remove flammable liquids, volatile materials, dust, lint and oily deposits.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>□ Cover all wall, floor, and ceiling openings with non-combustible drapes or screens.</li> <li>□ Suspend fire resistant covers beneath work.</li> <li>□ Move or cover combustible materials and equipment with fireresistive barriers.</li> <li>□ Protect personnel from electrical shock when floors are wet.</li> <li>□ Shutdown or protect ducts and conveyors that might carry spark to other areas.</li> </ul>		
Work on or Near Walls, Flo	ors, Ceilings, and Enclosed Eq	uipment		
<ul> <li>☐ Move combustibles a minimum distance of 2m away from both sides of walls.</li> <li>☐ Where Hot Work is being considered on or near composite panels/"sandwich panels"/Exterior Insulated Finishing Systems the type of insulation materials must be assessed as such systems can incorporate combustible materials. If combustible insulation is identified or suspected alternative methods must be adopted and no Hot Work carried out. If unable to determine the specification of insulation materials it must be assumed that combustible materials are present and alternative methods are adopted. Please also refer to Chubb Plastic Foam Construction Material (PFCM) Permit.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>□ Concealed and enclosed spaces with combustible materials or linings are removed and/or protected.</li> <li>□ Construction should ideally be non-combustible or covered with properly sized fire resistive barriers.</li> <li>□ Sweep floors clean of combustibles.</li> <li>□ Machinery and equipment is cleaned of combustible residue.</li> <li>□ Purge equipment (enclosed plant) of flammable and other volatile vapors. Use certified ATEX rated and calibrated combustible gas detectors/meters to monitor potentially explosive atmospheres and do not perform Hot Work if quantities exceed recommended levels.</li> <li>□ Remove from service, isolate or vent pressurised vessels, piping and equipment.</li> </ul>		
Fire Watch and Work Area	Monitoring			
<ul> <li>□ Fire watch should be provided during Hot Work and at least 60 minutes after work is completed.</li> <li>□ Train fire watch in use of hot work equipment and alarm systems.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>☐ Fire watch may be required above, below and in adjacent areas from where the work takes place.</li> <li>☐ Extend fire watch beyond 60-minutes per Permit Authorising Individual.</li> <li>☐ Yes</li> <li>☐ No</li> </ul>		
Final Work Area Check				
☐ Work area and all adjacent areas to which sparks and heat may have spread, including floors above and below, and areas on either sides of walls, were inspected and found to be free of smouldering materials and flames.		☐ Fire protection/detection systems have been fully reinstated. ☐ Waste materials such as welding rods have been removed and disposed of safely.		
Agreement by Hot Work Op	oerator			
		knowledge, my equipment is in good condition. I have read and agrens cannot be maintained or I am aware of an unsafe condition.		
Hot Work Operator/Applicant				
Signed				
Date		Time		
Permit Authorisation				
The work area has been inspected	d, the necessary precautions specified	above have been taken and authorisation for this work is granted.		
Permit Authorising Individual				
Signed				
Date		Time		

5. Work completed & area safe					
Fire Watch (Trained personnel)					
The work was completed at Time:					
The fire watch continued at least 60 minutes after the work was completed.					
Fire watch was completed at Time:					
The work and adjacent areas were inspected and found to be safe.					
Name					
Signed					
Date					
(Permit to be returned to the Permit Authorising Individual, or designate, on completion of the work)					
Permit Authorising Individual (Final Check)					
<ol> <li>The work area and all adjacent areas to which sparks and heat may have spread, including floors above and below and other sides of walls, were personally inspected between 60 minutes and 4 hours after the work was completed and found to be safe.</li> <li>Fire protection/detection systems have been re-instated.</li> </ol>					
Name					
Signed					
Date	Time				
(Permit to be filed a	and retained for 12 months)				

#### **Hot Work Policy**

The Company has established a Hot Work Policy so that all hot work conducted outside permanently designated hot work areas is authorised by a Hot Work Permit. Permits can only be issued by designated personnel (Permit Authorising Individuals) who have completed and passed the Company's Permit Issuers course. A register of Permit Issuers is to be maintained. Hot Work procedures and completed Permits will be reviewed on a regular basis through an audit process.

## **Permit Procedure**

- 1. Personnel needing to carry out hot work are to complete Section 1 (Application for Hot Work) of the Permit.
- 2. The Permit Authorising Individual is to inspect the work area and complete Sections 2-4 of the Permit. All applicable precautions are to be adhered to without exception. Specific attention is drawn to the following points:
  - Sprinkler/thermal systems are to be operational during hot work as a standard procedure.
  - If fire protection/detection systems are isolated or operation is otherwise impaired, a Fire Protection Impairment Form is to be raised and additional precautions taken as determined by the Permit Authorising Individual.
  - A Permit can be issued for a maximum period of either one shift or 12 hours. (As determined by the Permit Authorising Individual\*)
  - Hot Work, where possible, should be scheduled during planned shutdowns of hazardous operations.
- 3. Periodic checks of the work area to be completed by the Permit Authorising Individual (or designate) to ensure all precautions are being maintained and the work is being done in a safe manner.
- 4. On completion of the hot work, the fire watch is to continue for at least 60 minutes, after which time a check of the work area is to be carried out. The person responsible for the work is to complete the "Permit Authorisation" part of Section 4, recording the time the work was completed and the time the inspection of the work area was completed. The Permit is then to be signed and dated and returned to the Permit Authorising Individual (or designate).
- 5. The Permit Issuer (or designate) is to carry out a full check of the work area and all adjacent areas to which sparks and heat may have spread, including floors above and below and other sides of walls between 60 minutes and 4 hours after the work was completed. The Permit Authorising Individual (or designate) is to sign and date the 'Final Check' part of Section 5 and the completed Permit placed on file for a minimum period of 12 months.

#### **Hot Work Operator**

- 1. Inspect all equipment to ensure it is in safe condition.
- 2. Obtain a "Hot Work Permit" from a Permit Authorising Individual prior to commencing hot work operations.
- 3. Display the "Hot Work Permit" at, or in close proximity to, the area where the hot work is being carried out.
- 4. Continually monitor and review the work site and cease hot work if unsafe conditions develop.
- 5. Know the procedure for sounding the alarm, and the location of the nearest telephone and fire alarm manual call point.

## Fire Watch

- 1. Understand the hazards of the work site and the affect hot work has on them.
- 2. Ensure safe conditions are maintained during hot work operations. Cease hot work if unsafe conditions develop.
- 3. Ensure the fire fighting equipment is in good condition, in-date for service and readily available. Be trained in its use.
- 4. Check for fires in all areas and attempt to extinguish fires if it is safe to do so.
- 5. Know the procedure for sounding the alarm, and the location of the nearest telephone and fire alarm manual call point.
- 6. Maintain a fire watch during and for at least 60 minutes after completion of the hot work.

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