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WARNING!

Do not use this machine unless an instructor or shop supervisor has instructed you in the safe use and operation and has authorized you to operate this equipment!

Equipment/Machine: AIR COMPRESSOR

Description of Work: Using an air compressor

Potential Hazards: Electrical and compression hazard with the potential to cause harm through

exposure to noise and compressed air.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Required (Check the box for required PPE)						
Gloves	Face Masks	Eye Protection	Hearing Protection	Safety Footwear	Protective Clothing	Welding Mask
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Safe Work Procedure Checklist:

1. PRE-Operation:

- Task (e.g. Drawings, instructions, specifications etc) is clearly understood.
- Appropriate guarding is in place.
- Make sure release valve is clean and free from obstruction.
- Lock the wheels to prevent movement.
- Check all fittings are securely connected prior to being pressurised.
- Identify ON/OFF switch.

2. Operation:

- Start compressor noting pressure increase and cut out/cut in pressure.
- Do not kink or squash the hose.
- Listen for any air leaks when using the compressor and report these immediately.
- Check the compressor pressure at regular intervals.
- Release the pressure in hose prior to uncoupling.

3. POST-Operation:

- Release the pressure from the hose and vessel.
- Store air hose off the ground to prevent contamination from dirt.
- Return air tools to their storage area.