

Heating & Lighting

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Read all of this leaflet and any others issued, before starting work

1. This equipment is dangerous; take care not to burn yourself or others.
2. Use this equipment only for the purpose for which it was designed.
3. Carelessness or misuse could cause a serious or fatal accident.
4. This equipment will damage property if not used carefully.
5. It can scorch or burn things some distance away.
6. If you are using a hot air gun to burn paint off, you may want to practise on some scrap metal first.
7. When using heating equipment, position it safely where it can do no harm.
8. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
9. Gloves and goggles may be needed.



WORK AREA

1. Check all the equipment. Do not use anything found to be damaged – contact the hire company.
2. Wear safety equipment if using a hot air gun.
3. Anyone working close by will need the same safety equipment.
4. Have good ventilation or extraction to remove the fumes and provide fresh air.

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WORK AREA *(Continued...)*

5. Warn others what you are doing. Protect them from danger by erecting barriers. Keep everyone, especially children, and animals at a safe distance.
6. Do not use this equipment where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.
7. Use the fuel or gas cylinders recommended by the hire company.
8. Extinguish the flame by closing the gas cylinder valve, or by releasing the pressure.
9. Allow the equipment to cool before changing the gas cylinder or refuelling the tank.
10. Let the fan run until the elements have cooled down.
11. Ensure all connections are tightened with a spanner.
12. Make sure you understand the controls before starting the machine, know how to stop it.

USING HEATING AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

1. Do not allow the heat to be directed at persons or animals. It can cause burns from quite a distance.
2. Do not allow the heat to be directed at things that will burn, or at brick work or glass. Fire or damage will result.
3. When finished, extinguish the flame by releasing the paraffin pressure, or closing the gas cylinder valve.
4. Do not allow anyone near the equipment while it is cooling.
5. Let the fan run until the elements are cooled down.
6. If the equipment does not work properly do not attempt to repair it – contact the hire company.

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