

# Wrench Safety

## OHBA Safety Pages

### Inspect the Work Environment –

- Inspect for rounded or worn bolt heads or nuts. Remove accumulation of grease, oil, or similar hazards.
- Remove grease, oil, mud, ice/snow or other slip hazards from walking or working surfaces.

### Use the Correct Wrench for the Task –

- Use the correct wrench type for the job. Use pipe wrenches for pipe plumbing fittings and general use wrenches for nuts and bolts.
- Select the correct wrench size to avoid slippage.
- Do not use damaged, defective or excessively worn wrenches.



### When Using the Wrench –

- Position your body in a way that will prevent you from losing your balance.
- If possible pull the wrench towards you, instead of pushing away.
- Apply slow and steady force. Do not use fast and jerky motions.
- Never use a cheater bar to obtain additional leverage.
- Do not strike a wrench with a hammer or similar object to gain more force.



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SAFETY PAGE MEETING GUIDE

Topic: Wrench Safety

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Shift: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in crew: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Safety or Health issues discussed. Include recent accident investigations and hazards involving tools, equipment, the work environment, work practices and any Safety or Health recommendations:

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Follow up on recommendations from last safety meeting:

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Record of those attending:

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