



OPERATORS

The following items of personal protective equipment (ppe) are the minimum that should be worn whenever this type of equipment is used. Particular jobs or environments may require a higher level of protection.

1. An appropriate facemask (with a minimum of EN 149 FFP3(s) protection) must be worn when doing work that creates fumes.
2. Goggles (EN166 or BS2092) must be worn when using hand held paraffin fuelled equipment.
3. Wear gloves to protect the hands.
4. Anybody who is working nearby will also need to wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
5. If the work involves burning weeds or melting tar on an old felt roof, always wash hands when finished especially if before smoking, eating or drinking.

EQUIPMENT

1. Check the equipment. If anything is found damaged, do not use it – contact the hire company.
2. If a paraffin heater is being used do not cover the air vents in the case. Ensure there is adequate air flow.
3. Make it is understood how the equipment works - before using it, it must be known how to stop it.

REFUELLING

1. No smoking.
2. Shut down the equipment before refuelling, and allow to cool a little. Avoid spilling fuel on the hot parts of the equipment.
3. Only paraffin must be used to refuel. Petrol or any other fuel **MUST NOT** be used, this would cause a serious accident and fire.
4. Use a funnel. Do not spill any fuel on skin, clothes or the equipment.
5. Wipe any fuel off the equipment. Dispose of any fuel soaked cloth carefully.
6. If any fuel is spilled on the ground, wipe it up or cover it with soil.
7. If any fuel is spilled on clothes, change them straightaway.
8. Put all fuel caps back on properly, and move the fuel can to a safe cool place.

Keep this leaflet in a safe place until work is finished as it may need to be referred to again.



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Paraffin Equipment

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

It is important to read all of this leaflet BEFORE you use the Paraffin Equipment

1. Paraffin is flammable. Take care not to cause a fire or explosion.
2. Use this equipment only for the purpose for which it was designed.
3. The action of this equipment can cause injury or damage if the machine is not used in a careful and controlled way.
4. If you have not used this type of equipment before, familiarise yourself with it before you start to use it.
5. Plan your work and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
6. You may need some or all of the following items of personal protective equipment: goggles: EN166 or BS2092; facemask - a minimum of EN 149 FFP3(s) protection; strong gloves.
7. This equipment must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
8. This equipment is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.



BEFORE STARTING WORK – WORK AREA

1. Do not use paraffin fuelled equipment where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.
2. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury from breathing toxic fumes, do not use this equipment indoors unless the area is well ventilated.
3. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is near to you or could distract you.
4. Protect other people from the danger. Warn others to keep away. Put up barriers or put up warning signs.
5. If the work produces hot surfaces make sure no-one will get burnt. Make sure there is no paper or other light, flammable materials near to these hot surfaces.
6. If a paraffin heater is being used that blows a stream of hot air, make sure that any loose paper or other material that could catch fire easily is moved safely away. Make sure that children or the infirm are not in danger from the heat.

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