Safe Work Procedure

**NOTE: DO NOT use this machine unless you have been trained in its safe use and operation.**

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| Description of Work: | Using a Metal Inert Gas (MIG) Welder |
| **MIG Welder** | **Potential Hazards:** Fire and electrical hazard with the potential to cause harm through impact and cutting, exposure to heat, projectiles, sparks, sharp objects, electric shock, fumes, radiation and flame. |
| **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Required** *(Check the box for required PPE*): |
| hand protectionGloves | dust maskFace Masks | safety gogglesEyeProtection | face shieldWelding Mask | foot protectionAppropriateFootwear | hearing protHearing Protection | safety apronProtective Clothing |
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|  **Safe Work Procedure Checklist:** |
| 1. PRE-Operation/Task:* Task (e.g. Drawings, instructions, specifications etc.) is clearly understood.
* Ensure the work area is clean and clear of grease, oil and any other flammable materials.
* Keep the welding equipment, work area and gloves dry to avoid electric shocks.
* Ensure the gloves, welding gun and work leads are in good condition.
* Check that other work areas are protected from flash.
* Ensure appropriate ventilation is in place prior to use.
* Ensure appropriate PPE is worn.
* Identify ON/OFF switch and emergency stop button (if applicable).

2. Operation/Task:* Keep hands clear of work piece and away from electrode.
* Ensure machine is correctly set up for current, voltage, wire feed and gas flow.
* Ensure work return cables make firm contact to provide a good electrical connection.
* Never leave the welder running unattended.

3. POST-Operation/Task:* Switch off machine and fume extraction (if relevant).
* Close gas cylinder valve.
* Hang up welding gun and welding cables.
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| **Competent Person(s):** (The following persons are authorised to operate, supervise and test students on the equipment/process). |
| **Name:** | **Title:** | **Contact Details:** |
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