





## Soft Tissue Injury Prevention Tool

Tip Sheets Trade: Masonry

Job Task: Restoration Work - Water Proofing Concrete Slab

#### **General Tasks**

- > Setup cones, barriers a tape off area to be waterproofed.
- Mixing gray coat. (Requires 24 hour dry time).
- Once dry, tear down taping and remove cones and barriers.

### Potential Risk Factors

Risk Factors can lead to increased risk for Work Related Musculoskeletal Disorders (WMSD's)

#### Continuous Moderate Forward Back Bending

 Moderate Risk with frequent forward bending postures when applying gray coat to low level trim work. Primarily a risk factor if not using at least a 7-8 foot extension handle to apply gray coat for low level trim work.

#### **Continuous Extreme Forward Back Bending**

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#### **High Hand Grip with Awkward Wrist Postures**

 Moderate Risk with frequent heavy gripping when dipping mop into and out of bucket to saturate with gray coat. This is primarily a risk factor if not rotating to other tasks at least every 4 hours.

# Highly Repetitive Hand Motions with High Forceful Hand Exertions

 Moderate Risk with repetitive arm and shoulder movements when applying gray coat. This is primarily a risk factor if not rotating to other tasks at least every 4 hours.

#### **Heavy Lifting**

 Moderate Risk with frequent lifting of 5 gallon bucket when applying gray coat, to large area.

#### **Feasibility**

- Engineer Control Mobile Scissor Lift
- Administrative Control
- Work Practice Control

#### **Estimated Cost of Intervention**

• \$685.00 for Mobile Scissor Lift

#### **Common Tools**

- Mop to apply gray coat.
- > Respirator is worn during application.

#### **Possible Solutions**

#### **Awkward Posture, Heavy Gripping & Lifting Solutions:**

- Use light weight aluminum extension handles up to 7-8' in length to promote upright work postures.
- Use a portable mechanic's stool to promote comfortable seated mobile work when performing epoxy work below waist level.
- Use a bucket dolly with locking casters to easily move 5 gallon buckets around work area when applying gray coat.
- Evaluate the use of non-slip soft padded grips on mop handles to reduce grip force requirements.
- Rotate to other tasks every 4 hours as feasible to intervene on awkward postures and build in needed recovery time.

#### **Potential Benefits**

- ✓ Increases productivity.
- ✓ Increases blood flow and reduce muscle tension.
- Reduces strain on hand and arm muscles.
- ✓ Reduces exertion of lower back.
- Reduces awkward work postures and minimize lifting requirements.
- ✓ Reduces awkward forward bending work postures.

