


## **WARNING WHEELBARROW SAFETY**

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. **YOU** are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. **IF** any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced, or rendered inoperable, **DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!**

 **WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Chromium from steel products, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)

### **SMI Dust and Silica Warning**

Using this equipment generates dust, this dust may contain Grinding/cutting/drilling particles from masonry, concrete, metal and other materials, mists and fumes containing chemicals known to cause serious or fatal injury or illness, such as respiratory disease, cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. If you are unfamiliar with the risks associated with the particular process and/or material being cut or the composition of the tool being used, review the material safety data sheets and/or consult your employer, the manufacturers/suppliers, governmental agencies such as OSHA and NIOSH and other sources on hazardous materials. California and some other authorities, for instance, have published lists of substances known to cause cancer, reproductive toxicity, or other harmful effects.

Control dust, mist, and fumes at the source where possible. In this regard use good work practices and follow the recommendations of the manufacturers/suppliers, OSHA/NIOSH, and occupational and trade associations. Water should be used for dust suppression when wet grinding/cutting/drilling is feasible. When the hazards from inhalation of dust, mists and fumes cannot be eliminated, the operator and any bystanders should always wear a respirator approved by NIOSH/MSHA for the material being used.

Grinding/cutting/drilling of masonry, concrete, and other materials with silica in their composition may give off dust or mists containing crystalline silica. Silica is a basic component of sand, quartz, brick clay, granite and numerous other minerals and rocks. Repeated and/or substantial inhalation of airborne crystalline silica can cause serious or fatal respiratory diseases, including silicosis. In addition, California and some other authorities have listed respirable crystalline silica as a substance known to cause cancer. When grinding/cutting/drilling such materials, always follow the respiratory precautions mentioned above.

**WARNING:** Use of this product can create dust containing chemicals which may cause respiratory or other illnesses. Some examples of these chemicals are compounds found in concrete or Portland cement, pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers & herbicides. Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemicals: work in a well-ventilated area, & work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

Warning metal conducts electricity. Do Not use this wheelbarrow where it may come into contact with power lines or other electric circuits. Failure to comply with this warning will result in serious personal injury or death. Keep appropriate distances from High Voltage lines. Never use the wheelbarrow as a ground for welding.

Always wear proper personal protective equipment, including gloves, sturdy nonslip work boots, dust mask, and eye protection whenever using this equipment!

Wheelbarrows do not have any moving parts they are easy to use but can cause serious injuries. Anytime you balance a heavy load on a single wheel, you must pay attention to what you are doing. During use there is a chance of damaging the front edge of the tub when dumping material out of the wheelbarrow, this is consistent with the use of a wheelbarrow. This damage could result in sharp edges, keep hands away and be sure to wear heavy work gloves.

Because there is no top to a wheelbarrow, you may think you can keep loading it as long as the material does not fall out, but overloading a wheelbarrow is a sure way to lose control of it. Use the following tips to stay safe while using a wheelbarrow:

1. Make sure to only put in a wheelbarrow the amount of weight you can physically handle on a hill or when turning a corner.
2. Make several trips for large loads. Do not try to carry it all at once.
3. When you raise and lower the handles of a wheelbarrow, treat them like any other heavy load you lift. Follow proper lifting techniques.
4. Balance the load over the wheel for good control.
5. Do not move too quickly.
6. Keep a tight grip on the handles.
7. If you lose control of a wheelbarrow, let go of the handles and warn others.
8. Avoid trying to move such things as planks with a wheelbarrow. Use a hand truck for long or awkward loads.
9. Keep wheelbarrow wheels properly lubricated.
10. Store wheelbarrows out of the way of aisles, stairways, and emergency equipment.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. **IF there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment, DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!!**  
**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH**