



How to Make Sure a Pressure Washer is Safe to Use

Machines powerful enough for the toughest dirt are also powerful enough to inflict serious damage to both people and property. Safe operation begins with safe equipment.

Look for models that have been certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) to UL or CSA safety standards. These standards have been established by the industry to address the unique safety concerns associated with high pressure cleaning equipment and will ensure your machine is equipped with important safety features such as:

Most models sold by Kärcher is certified by ETL, a nationally recognized product testing laboratory, to UL and CSA standards in compliance with OSHA requirements, ensuring that you and your workers are operating the safest equipment in the industry and providing you with liability protection in the event of an accident.

Basic Safety Guidelines Safe operation must be your primary concern when using a pressure washer. The following basic guidelines can help keep users safe from potential injuries caused by pressurized water, chemical exposure, electric shock, and burns:

- Read all safety instructions before operation and follow them closely.
 - Keep equipment away from minors.
 - Ensure electric pressure washers are properly connected and grounded.
 - Beware of shock hazards and wear rubber soled shoes for extra protection.
 - Do not operate gas-powered pressure washers indoors.
 - Wear eye protection to guard against flying objects dislodged by the high-pressure spray.
 - Wear ear protection to prevent hearing loss.
 - Never point high pressure spray at people or animals.
 - Never attempt to rinse off any part of your body with the water jet, as it can easily penetrate skin.
 - Do not drive over, pull on, or kink the high pressure hose. Damage to the hose may compromise the wire braiding inside and cause the hose to burst.
 - Use caution when first cleaning unfamiliar surfaces to prevent damage to paint or finishes.
 - When using detergents, review instructions and use caution to protect yourself and property from exposure.
 - Obtain regular maintenance from an authorized service center.
- People who are injured by high pressure spray are urged to get medical attention as soon as possible.



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