Hot work pre-start checklist

Use with your hot work permit. The checks reflect general principles, including those in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.252(a).

Task / location

Date / time

Permit number

Fire watch

BEFORE STARTING

Could the work be done another way, or moved to a designated hot work area?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Movable combustibles are removed to a safe place	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Fixed combustibles that cannot be moved are protected with guards or covers	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Openings in walls and floors and the far side of partitions have been checked	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Gas testing has been done where flammable atmospheres may be present	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Suitable extinguishing equipment is at the work location	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

DURING AND AFTER

A fire watch is in place and knows how to raise the alarm	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
Fire watch continues after work ends (OSHA 1910.252 requires at least 30 minutes where a fire watch applies)	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
The area is checked, including hidden spaces, before the permit is closed	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS

CONFIRMATION

Permit issued by

Area checked and signed off by

General discussion aid, not a risk assessment, permit or procedure. Adapt to your site’s hazards, legal requirements and competent advice.