Wrench Safety

Inspect the work environment-

- Inspect for rounded or worn bolt heads or nuts. Remove accumulation of grease, oil, or similar hazards.

- Remove grease, oil, mud, ice/snow or other slip hazards from walking or working surfaces.

Use the correct wrench for the task-

- Use the correct wrench type for the job. Use pipe wrenches for pipe plumbing fittings and general use wrench for nuts and bolts.

- Select the correct wrench size to avoid slippage.

- Do not use damaged, defective or excessively worn wrenches.

When using the wrench-

- Position your body in a way that will prevent you from losing your balance.

- If possible pull the wrench towards you, instead of pushing away.

- Apply slow and steady force. Do not use fast and jerky motions.

- Never use a cheater bar to obtain additional leverage.

- Do not strike a wrench with a hammer or similar object to gain more force.

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