

# 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.**

