# **BEESANDBLOSSOMS.AUS SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE**

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SOP No.	B&BSOP01	SOP Name	Safe use of Makita® 18V Mobile Driver Drill	
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Related Documents	• NA			AUTHORISED

DO NOT USE THIS TOOL UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN DEEMED COMPETENT BY COMPLETING A COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT				
POTENTIAL HAZARDS				
Manual Handling	Risk of muscle strain due to repetitive actions			
Eye Injury	Risk of flying debris or drill bit fragments			
Hand Injury	Risk of pinching or cuts from rotating parts			
Noise Exposure	Risk of hearing damage with prolonged use in enclosed spaces			



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## 1. Pre-Operation



- 1. Inspect the tool for any signs of damage or wear, including the chuck and drill bit.
- 2. Ensure the battery is fully charged and correctly seated.
- 3. Confirm the correct bit is fitted for the task.
- 4. Ensure the forward/reverse switch is correctly positioned.

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- 5. Make sure the area is clear of hazards and unnecessary personnel.
- 6. Check PPE is correctly worn.
- 7. Only use the tool if deemed competent via a verified competency assessment. .

#### Operator must have a current chainsaw operators ticket

## 2. During Use



- 1. Maintain a firm grip with both hands.
- 2. Keep fingers and clothing away from moving parts.
- 3. Use the appropriate clutch setting and torque for the material being drilled.
- 4. Avoid forcing the tool—let the drill do the work.
- 5. Be mindful of surroundings, especially power cords, flammable materials, and other workers.
- 6. Take regular breaks if the task is repetitive or prolonged.

## 3. Maintenance and Transport



- 1. Remove the battery before inspecting, adjusting, or changing bits.
- 2. Store the drill in a secure location to prevent damage.
- 3. Wipe down the drill with a dry or slightly damp cloth—do not submerge or spray with water.
- 4. Inspect the battery regularly for signs of swelling or damage—replace if compromised.
- 5. Use only Makita® approved batteries and chargers.

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