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| **Company Information** | | | | |
| **Company:** | | | **Workplace Location:** | |
| **Prepared by:** | | | **Date:** | |
| **TASK** | **HAZARD** | **LEVEL OF RISK** | | **CONTROL METHOD** |
| Prepare equipment, Electric /Gas cauterizer, Local anesthetic, syringes and needles, Sharps container and appropriate handling facilities/debudding crate. Fire extinguisher. Heat resistant gloves and eye protection. | Needle stick injuries, biohazardous material, | **Moderate** | | * Supervisor coaching and competency evaluation re sharps handling, suitable gloves. |
| Secure Calf in dehorning crate and close head gate and gate | Kicks from calf, Finger injuries when closing gates. | **Low** | | * Toolbox education demonstration, supervisor competency evaluation. |
| Withdraw local anesthetic from Vial and inject appropriately as directed by your vet. Dispose of needle using an appropriate sharps container. | Needle stick injuries. | **Moderate** | | * Toolbox education on appropriate injection methods. |
| Apply heated cauterizer to horn bud rotate and remove bud. | Burn injury. Fire hazard. | **Moderate** | | * Heat resistant gloves. Ensure availability of an appropriate fire extinguisher. |
| Apply antiseptic aerosol spray to wound. | Eye splashes. | **Low** | | * Toolbox education highlighting requirement to spray in a safe manner. |
| Release Calf from handling crate. | Finger injuries. Animal kicks. | **Moderate** | | * Toolbox education and supervisor evaluation. |
| **Other Recommendations:**  Disbudding of calves should be done within the guidelines of your registered Veterinary surgeon. | | | | |

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