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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SELECTION &amp; LOCATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chute must be proprietary design and be installed to the manufacturer's instructions.</li> <li>• Locate chute in the area where it does not pose to be an obstruction or danger to others.</li> <li>• Do not drop material to any point outside the building.</li> <li>• "Homemade" site fabricated chutes should not be used as their strength and performance is unknown</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAINTENANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worn out parts of chutes must be removed and/ or replaced immediately.</li> <li>• Carry out weekly inspection of chutes.</li> <li>• Maintain chutes in good working condition.</li> <li>• Maintain a written procedure for overcoming possible blockage of chute.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANCHORAGE WITH BUILDING, AND USE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the chute is securely fixed to the permanent structure of the building.</li> <li>• All material chutes must be entirely closed.</li> <li>• Area around the discharge end of the chute must be barricaded.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPENINGS IN CHUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All material chutes shall be entirely enclosed except for opening equipped with enclosures at floor level.</li> <li>• Area around the chute must be protected with toe boards.</li> <li>• Guardrails must be fitted either side of chute to prevent fall of persons.</li> <li>• Provide substantial gate installed in each chute at all floor levels.</li> <li>• When operations are not in process the area surrounding discharge end of a chute shall be securely closed off.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GENERAL USE PROCEDURE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workers must be instructed in the maximum size of material to be placed in the chute.</li> <li>• If wheel barrows are used to tip rubbish, a timber block must be used to prevent overrun.</li> <li>• If blockage is suspected use of chute must be stopped.</li> <li>• A foreman should be appointed as a contact in case of problems with the chute.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DISPLAY OF NOTICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display warning sign &amp; notices in languages easily understood by workers.</li> <li>• Notices shall be displayed on each floor of the building and also at the discharge end.</li> </ul>