

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Slip injuries from spillages



Back and muscle strains from manual handling



Chemical burns from contact with battery acid



Inhalation injury, burns, skin irritation from cleaning chemicals



Electric shock as a result of contact with faulty equipment

What PPE should the individual wear?



Wear PPE as prescribed in the Task Card for the cleaning chemical you are using. This is likely to include gloves and/or goggles.

What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear with slip resistant soles



Visually inspect equipment and cable for any damage or defects, such as burn marks or frayed cables, before use

Use of ride-on cleaning equipment

Safety Task Card STCCL 13

Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

Safe System of Work

1. Erect warning signage before starting and where appropriate use barriers and signage to prevent unauthorised access.
2. Floor cleaning should be carried out at times when pedestrian traffic is minimal.
3. Examine the area to be cleaned for hazards, including damaged edges, and report any hazards to your manager before starting the work.
4. Only use the designated cleaning product for the task being carried out and the equipment being used.
5. Follow the safety precautions in the COSHH Task Card for the chemical being used. This includes wearing PPE such as protective eyewear and gloves.
6. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the equipment being used and only use if you have been trained to do so.
7. Before driving through doorways, park the vehicle to the side, switch it off, dismount and secure doors in open position. After moving through and when the ride-on is clear of the doors, park to the side, switch it off, dismount and release doors. **DO NOT** attempt to open doors from the ride-on.
8. Switch equipment off and remove key when not in use, particularly when left in a public area.
9. Before leaving the area check for and remove any spillages or water residue with a dry mop.
10. Disconnect equipment from the electrical supply when assembling or cleaning it.
11. Any maintenance must be completed by a qualified and competent engineer.
12. Leave equipment empty – the tank must be emptied into a foul water drain due to dirt and chemical contamination – and request help to lift if needed to access the sink.

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If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.

List any additional hazards or risks you have identified and control measures required to manage these.

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Safe System of Work continued

13. Clean the appliance and leave it on charge in a well-ventilated, clearly marked and secure area.
14. Remove all barriers and signage once the task has been completed and the floor is dry.

If the audible alarm is disabled at the client's request due to hours of operation and/or potential disturbance of patients/clients, the visual alarm MUST be fully operating.

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SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)