

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Burns/scalds from contact with hot surfaces or equipment



Electric shock or burns from incorrect use or damaged/faulty equipment



Back and muscle strain from handling large toasters



Trip injuries from tripping over trailing electrical cables

What other precautions should be taken?



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

Toasters (pop-up, tunnel and rotary)

Safety Task Card STCGE 02

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. Make sure toasters are positioned on a level and stable surface and away from the edge of a work surface or table.
2. Do not position toasters directly below a shelf or cupboard that might be affected by heat from the equipment.
3. Keep the area around the toaster free from combustible and flammable items.
4. Toasters must only be used for suitable foods, i.e. sliced bread, and not for unsuitable or oversized foods.
5. Where toasters are used by customers signage must be provided to instruct what items can be toasted.
6. Do not leave toasters unattended when in use.
7. Switch off and isolate the toaster and allow it to cool down before attempting to release any bread or other food that has become jammed inside it and before cleaning.
8. Trapped food must not be removed with a metal knife or other metal implement
9. Dry food debris should be regularly removed via the crumb collector tray.
10. Do not use a water-based solution to clean the inside of the toaster.
11. Follow safe manual handling procedures when moving large toasters and do not move toasters while they are still hot.

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

