

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Trip injuries caused by trailing cables or obstructions



Burns/scalds from contact with hot surfaces or steam



Electric shock as a result of contact with faulty equipment



Fire as a result of ignition of overheated items

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

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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. Ensure the ironing board and iron rest are stable and that the cover and padding are intact.
2. The electrical cable must be disconnected from the power source while filling the water reservoir.
3. Use the nearest electric power socket to reduce the length of cable and minimise trip hazards.
4. There must be no strain on cable and connections.
5. Keep hands away from the sole plate (bottom of the iron).
6. Never leave the iron unattended when it is on or while it is cooling.
7. Always leave the iron in an upright position, on its heel rest, when not in use.
8. Turn the switch to the off position and disconnect from the power source after use.
9. Let the sole plate cool completely before winding the cord and putting the iron away.
10. Ironing boards must be folded up and stored so that they don't cause obstruction.

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

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

SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)