

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Electric shock as a result of contact with electrical sockets or faulty equipment



Burns/scalds from contact with steam



Burns/scalds from contact with hot surfaces



Slip injuries caused by wet floors



Trip injuries caused by trailing cables

What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate enclosed footwear with slip-resistant soles



Clean up any spillages immediately



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

Fabric steamers

Safety Task Card
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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. Only use the equipment if you have been trained to do so and always follow the manufactures' instructions.
2. Only use the equipment for the intended purpose: steaming fabrics.
3. Always ensure that the water tank is full and firmly closed before using the appliance.
4. Don't add hot water into the water tank, which can cause the deformation of the water tank.
5. Ensure the plug socket used is easily accessible.
6. Keep the cable behind the line of work and arranged in a way that does not represent a trip hazards.
7. Never direct the steam jet towards people and keep hands away from the steam jet.
8. Take care when using equipment around electrical sockets.
9. Never direct the steam jet towards people and keep hands away from the steam jet.
10. While in use, only hold the appliance by the handle and keep hands away from the steaming head and any accessories as this will be hot.
11. Take regular breaks when using the steamer on large areas or for extended periods.
12. Never leave equipment unattended when it is on.
13. Turn equipment off before changing accessories or filling the water tank.
14. After use make sure all the water is drained using the drain plug on the bottom of the unit to eliminate standing water that could possibly leak into the internals over time.
15. Clean up spillages as they occur and use wet floor warning signs when appropriate.

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

