

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Inhalation injury
or skin irritation from
cleaning chemicals



Electric shock as a
result of contact with
electrical sockets

What PPE should the individual wear?



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

What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear with
slip-resistant soles

Cleaning electrical hand dryers and hair dryers

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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. Examine the area to be cleaned for hazards, including damage to equipment or edges, and report any hazards to your manager before starting work.
2. Follow the correct cleaning procedure to avoid cross-contamination by following the colour-coded system for cleaning cloths and equipment. See reverse for details.
3. Only use the designated cleaning product for the task being carried out.
4. Follow the safety precautions in the COSHH Task Card for the chemical being used. This includes wearing PPE such as protective eyewear and gloves.
5. Do not spray chemicals directly onto equipment or around electrical sockets; apply the chemical to the cloth.
6. Do not attempt to put your hand or any cleaning materials inside the hot air outlet as there might be an exposed heating element.
7. Regularly check the air intake on the grille of hand dryers as build up of dust may cause overheating, which can result in fire.
8. 'Hands-in' dryers must be turned off at the switch before the inside surface of the dryer and the water outlet are cleaned.

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)