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| **Safety Task Card** |
| **COM 06** | **Use of pressure washers and steam cleaners** |
| **Workplace Safety Hazards** |
| What are the hazards? | How might they be harmed? |
| Manual HandlingUneven or sloping surfacesTrapping hands between equipment and fixed structuresElectrical hazardsContact with hot surfaces and steamSpillages of water/ wet surfacesTrailing cables Pressure vesselsCleaning products | Back, muscle and upper limb strainsImpact injuriesElectric shockBurns and scaldsSlips, trips and fallsExplosionIrritation to skin and eyes Electric shock |
| **Safe System of Work** |
| * All operators to be trained in correct method (Refer A+ Method SOPs or equivalent) and correct use of equipment.
* Follow manufacturer’s user instructions, where these are available.
* Equipment to be maintained by competent persons and in accordance with manufacturer’s guidance where available.
* Use a RCD with any machines and use nearest electric power sockets to reduce length of trailing cables and to minimise the use of extension leads. Cables to be placed as close to edge of room as possible to reduce tripping hazards. Particular care must be taken when using equipment on stairs.
* Ensure no strain placed on the cable and connections.
* Examine areas to be cleaned to check any hazards including damaged equipment or edges and report to relevant person before commencing the work.
* Erect suitably located warning signs/barriers at entrances to area being cleaned maximum of 4 metres apart and clearly visible to warn or prevent unauthorised access when cleaning in progress.
* Use only the designated cleaning product for the task being carried out and only from clearly labelled containers. Always use chemicals in the correct dilution and in accordance with manufacturers’ user instructions. Never mix cleaning products together. Never leave cleaning products unattended and store safely after use.
* Suitable Personal Protective Equipment must be worn in accordance with COSHH Product and task SOP..
* Do not point the nozzle or steam arm at any part of body or person – disconnect if appliance appears blocked and allow to cool down, before removing obstruction. Do not remove if requires machine guards to be removed – refer to qualified engineer.
* Do not leave machines unattended in public or patient areas.
* Disconnect from power supply prior to assembling, cleaning or maintaining.
* Pressure tests to be completed at least annually.
* Return equipment to designated storage location after use, clean and decontaminated thoroughly and store correctly.
* Disconnect from mains electrical supply when cleaning the appliance, if disposable waste compartment check this has been emptied prior to storing appliance.
* Implement the Safe System of Work/Control Measures in the Electrical Safety Risk Assessment, Ref. ES 06/06a, including regular PAT safety testing and the manual handling safety precautions.
* Any faulty or damaged equipment to be segregated and clearly marked to prevent accidental use.
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| **Site Specific Actions**List any actions required in addition to the above safe system of work |
| Equipment used on site (refer to asset list location): |
| The above control measures are implemented within my unit. All relevant staff are aware of these control measures and this is recorded in the training record for this safety task card. |
| Unit Manager Name | Signed | Date |
| **Safety Card Training Record** |
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| I confirm that I fully understand the risks and control measures associated with the taskand that I will follow the Safe System of Work at all times.  |
| Operative Name | Signature | Date |
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