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	2 Unlikely	Very low 2	Low 4	Medium 6	Medium 8	High 10
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Risk assessment ref: RA035

Task description: Suction cleaning using a battery-operated back pack vacuum cleaner

General activities included: Vacuuming, high level de cobwebbing

Site name:	GENERIC	Assessment carried out by:	J GOODE
Date assessment was carried out:	01.04.2025 (JG)	Date of next review:	01.04.2026
Corresponding method statements	MS036 Suction cleaning using a battery-operated backpack vacuum cleaner		

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed? (Staff, visitors, general public)	What are the risks?	Are the following control measures in place to eliminate or reduce the risks?	Yes/ No/ N/A	PPE required?	Corrective actions / required observations. What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Risk evaluation (1 – 5, 5 = high)			Risk rating (Low, Med, High)
							Impact (1-5)	Probability (1-5)	Overall risk (C X L)	
Slips, trips and falls	Staff & visitors	Could suffer injury such as Sprains & fractures from tripping or falling, or slipping over on; Wet floors, uneven flooring, raised floor coverings or obstructions.	1 Work areas to be kept clear from obstructions 2 Any spillages to be cleaned up immediately 3 Warning signs to be erected where cleaning activity is taking place (trailing cables) or floors are wet. 5 Defects to floor coverings to be reported	Yes	N/A	N/A	2	0.5	1	Low
Muscular skeletal disorders (MSD)	Staff	Could suffer with back pain or work-related upper body disorder due to; 1 Using incorrect handling techniques when putting on back pack vacuum or using vacuum cleaners, New and expectant mothers may be more susceptible to injury, or may not be able to properly fit support straps.	1) Back pack vacuums will not exceed 5kg (inc batteries) 2) Training to be provided to staff to put the backpack on safely, adjusting for comfort and safety and correct technique.	Yes	N/A	See SOPs for Correct wear and use of back pack vacuum.	2	1	2	Low

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Electrical safety	Staff	Could suffer electrical shock or burns if using; 1) Damaged portable electrical appliances, their cables, plugs (such as vacuum cleaners battery chargers) 2) When carrying out wet work cleaning round non-insulated electrical appliances or power sockets i.e, charging points	1) All electrical equipment used must be PAT tested annually and marked/ dated accordingly. 2) Electrical cables and plugs on vacuum cleaners/charging units must be checked by users before use. 3) Defective equipment must be reported immediately to the responsible person and suitably labelled or taken out of use until repairs have been carried out. 4) Electrical equipment must only be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions	Yes	N/A	N/A	4	0.5	2	Low
Fire	Staff, visitors & Contractors	Potential of fire in premise, if staff were trapped could cause burns injury or smoke inhalation or death Specific risk of fire by battery charging units (higher risk)	Client site fire safety procedures in place (Fire Risk assessment completed) Site specific fire awareness and evacuation safety training provided to all staff Charging units not to be left charging without supervision (i.e charging units to be unplugged outside of cleaning attendance)	Yes	N/A	N/A	4	1	4	Med

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