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Risk assessment ref: RA020

Task description: Cleaning in a production or warehousing area

General activities included: Vacuuming/ sweeping and damp mopping of hard floorings, collection of general and recycled waste only.

Site name:	GENERIC	Assessment carried out by:	J GOODE
Date assessment was carried out:	10.03.2026 (JG)	Date of next review:	01.04.2027
Corresponding method statements	MS001 Vacuuming flooring	MS006 Collection of waste	
	MS002 Kex/ Sweep hard flooring		
	MS003 Damp mopping hard flooring		

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, trailing cables, raised floor coverings or obstructions.	1 Work areas and/ or walkways to be kept clear from obstructions 2 Any spillages to be reported and cleaned up when authorised. 3 Warning signs to be erected where cleaning activity is taking place (trailing cables) or floors are wet or spillage identified. 4 Equipment to be plugged into nearest socket to avoid trailing cables. 5 Defects to floor coverings to be reported	Yes	N/A	N/A	2	1	2	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 using vacuum cleaners, lifting	1 A risk assessment must be completed when lifting heavy or bulky loads that present a risk of injury. 2 All equipment/ loads movement which exceed 10kg	Yes	N/A	See manual handling risk assessment guidance	2	1	2	Low

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		waste bags from bins or over reaching. New and expectant mothers may be more susceptible to injury.	must be carried out as "two man". (A standard 5 litre bucket of water or Henry vacuum cleaner weighs 5kg) Training in lifting techniques must be provided to all staff.							
Electrical safety	Staff	Could suffer electrical shock or burns if using; 1) Damaged portable electrical appliances, their cables, plugs (such as vacuum cleaners, extension leads, client equipment cables 2) When carrying out wet work cleaning round non-insulated electrical appliances i.e., electrical heaters	1) All electrical equipment used must be PAT tested annually and marked/ dated accordingly. 2) Electrical cables and plugs on vacuum cleaners/ cleaning equipment 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	1	4	Med
Use of chemicals	Staff	Could cause ill health such as skin irritation due to the hazardous substance or through over regular wet work), urticaria (a skin condition caused by irritation or an allergic reaction) or respiratory irritation or illnesses (such as occupational asthma).	All cleaning chemicals used on site must have an accompanying COSHH assessment, and a Material Safety Data Sheet. COSHH assessments accurately reflect the use and handling of the relevant substance on site. Suitable PPE will be provided where it is identified as being required.	Yes	Nitrile gloves	See COSHH assessments for advice for each product	2	1	2	Low
Sharps	Staff	Potential of coming into contact with sharp objects and / or debris causing puncture or cuts when	Sharps policy in place, included in induction training. Training in place to advise staff	Yes	Nitrile gloves	N/A	2	1	2	Low



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		collecting waste, sweeping floors (metal filings, broken parts)	not to put sharps in waste bins, never to push waste down or sort through waste by hand. Sharps must not be handled, equipment provided for sweep and removal. Sharps to be disposed of in specialist "Sharps bin" only. Any puncture or cut must be reported immediately.							
Fire	Staff, visitors & Contractors	Potential of fire in premise, if staff were trapped could cause burns injury or smoke inhalation or death	Client site fire safety procedures in place (Fire Risk assessment completed) Site specific fire awareness and evacuation safety training provided to all staff	Yes	N/A	N/A	4	1	4	Med
Lone working	Staff	Staff could suffer injury or ill health whilst alone in workplace.	Lone working risk assessment carried out with lone workers. Staff carry mobile phones with them or have access to phone to call for assistance.	Yes	N/A	Lone worker risk assessment questionnaire carried out with lone working staff members	3	1	3	Low
Asbestos	Staff	Staff carrying out normal duties at very low risk. Asbestos only a risk if fibres are released into the air and inhaled. Majority of client sites are post 2000 where Asbestos was no longer present in building fabrics.	Systems in place to request Asbestos register from client sites to advise if Asbestos is present. QCC do not carry out works which disturb fabrics of buildings (no drilling, cutting etc)	Yes	N/A	N/A	3	1	3	Low

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Noise	Staff	Damage to hearing caused by overexposure to noise from operating machinery.	Excessive noise levels as stated in the Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 are to be identified by way of "Client risk profile" completion. Where noise levels are excessive, cleaning teams will be safely limited to the time they can work in the environment.	Yes	Ear protectors <i>(only where noise levels are not sustainable for any period of time)</i>	N/A	3	1	3	Low
Vehicle & Machinery hazards	Staff	Moving parts i.e conveyer belts, cutters, could cause entanglement or crushing. Client Forklifts in operation, could result in collision or crushing injuries or pedestrian-vehicle accidents	Clearly marked "danger zones" where cleaning teams are not permitted to access. Clearly marked and unobstructed safe walkways All staff to wear high visibility clothing when in production or warehouse areas. Client equipment and machinery (when operational) is supervised at all times.	Yes	Toe protection shoes. Safety specs Hi vis bib	N/A	2	3	6	Med

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