

## Safe Work Method Statement SWMS-411



SWMS Title:	Damp Wiping Below Sh	noulder	Description of Task / Activity:	Damp Wiping Below Shoulder			
Partner Site:	All Partner Sites						
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**Risk Matrix** 

## Elimination Substitution Engineering Administration

Step 1 Determine Probability		Step 2					
LIKELIHOOD		CONSEQUENCE					
			PERSON	ASSETS	ENVIRON MENT		
	Practically impossible	1	Minor Near Miss	Under \$500 Damage and Minimal Productivity Disruption.	No Damage		
В	Not Likely to Occur	2	First Aid Treatment Injury	\$500–1000 Damage and/or Slight Production Disruption.	Minor Damage		
С	Unusual but Possible	3	MTI or Short Term LTI	\$1000–5000 Damage and/or Production Disruption.	Reversibl e Damage		
	Quite Possible	4	Long Term LTI	\$5000–10,000 Damage and/or Project Contingency Plan Required.	Serious Damage		
Ε	Almost Certain	5	Fatality, Permanent Disability	More than \$10,000 Damage and/or Large Reorganisation of Project.	Major Damage		

RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESS					
Step 3 Calculate Risk					
		Consec	quence		
Likelihood	1	2	3	4	5
А	1 Low	3 Low	6 Low	10 Medium	15 High
В	2 Low	5 Low	9 Medium	14 High	19 Extreme
С	4 Low	8 Medium	13 Medium	18 High	22 Extreme
D	7 Low	12 Medium	17 High	21 Extreme	24 Extreme
E	E 11 16 Medium High		20 Extreme	23 Extreme	25 Extreme

Required PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)								
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1. Hazard / Hazardous Event	2. Current Controls				
Prestart Inspection/Preparation – Slips, Trips, manual handling	<ul> <li>Assess the area that requires Damp Wiping.</li> <li>Always inspect (visually only) the area for hazards such as sharps or blood/bodily fluids prior to commencement of damp wiping.</li> <li>Close access to the area until the job is completed (if practicable), or do the work after hours.</li> <li>Place safety signs in a position so that they can be easily seen to avoid slip hazards.</li> <li>Read SDS for details of chemical, exposure hazards, safe handling and storage, and first aid.</li> </ul>				
Dilute Detergent – Chemical exposure, manual handling, slips trips	<ul> <li>Ensure you are using the correct colour coded mop and bucket.</li> <li>Dilute wipe away in bucket.</li> <li>Ensure PPE is worn including, non-slip footwear, goggles, rubber/latex gloves.</li> </ul>				
Damp wipe surface below shoulder height – Chemical exposure, manual handling, slips, trips	<ul> <li>Damp the cloth and commence wiping the furniture and fittings, walls and amenities.</li> <li>When damp wiping balance yourself with your free hand on any furniture etc to reduce strain on your back.</li> <li>Rinse out cloth often and change cleaning solution as required – rotate use of hands every two minutes when wiping to reduce repetitive strain.</li> <li>Do not perform damp wiping operation for periods in excess of 30 minutes without a 5-minute interval of alternative tasks.</li> <li>Use short handled mop to damp wipe high surfaces such as skirting boards.</li> <li>When finished wash out the cloth – empty and rinse the bucket – return equipment to cleaner's store.</li> <li>MICROFIBRE CLOTHS</li> <li>Use a spray bottle to lightly spray water on the microfiber cloth – lightly dampen the cloth.</li> <li>Wipe the surface.</li> <li>Respray the cloth as required.</li> <li>For hard to move stains it may be necessary to spray the stain with an approved chemical.</li> <li>Allow time for the chemical to work.</li> <li>Wipe the area as normal.</li> </ul>				
Equipment Sanitising & Storage – Chemical exposure, manual handling, slips, trips.	<ul> <li>After the job is complete, wash cloths in disinfectant solution.</li> <li>When storing in cleaner's store, spin mop head and store on top of bucket.</li> <li>Store colour coded equipment separately – not in contact with different coloured equipment.</li> </ul>				
3. Additional Information					
For Additional Information contact the HSE Team.					
4. Activity Risk Rating: Medium (C3)					

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