Clean and maintain work equipment



Overview

This standard covers cleaning and routine maintenance of work equipment – that which manufacturers recommend as routine maintenance and which is carried out as part of a general cleaning and maintenance schedule. It does not cover the maintenance that manufacturers and specialist contractors undertake.

This standard is suitable for anyone who cleans and maintains work equipment.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out all work in accordance with instructions and workplace procedures
- P2 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P3 use safe working practices and the correct protective clothing, materials and equipment in accordance with manufacturers' guidelines
- P4 confirm that equipment is safe to undertake cleaning and maintenance e.g. isolated from power supply
- P5 carry out cleaning and maintenance of work equipment according to agreed specifications and at a suitable time for those concerned, causing least disruption
- P6 comply with cleaning frequency that is consistent with organisational policy
- P7 carry out sterilisation of work equipment as required
- P8 perform routine maintenance in accordance with manufacturers' instructions
- P9 report any work equipment faults immediately to the appropriate person
- P10 report wear and tear as required
- P11 test and confirm the correct operation of the work equipment
- P12 store cleaning and maintenance materials and equipment safely and correctly after use
- P13 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
- P14 keep accurate and up-to-date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance of completing activity in accordance with instructions and workplace procedures
- K2 your responsibilities under current environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K3 materials, equipment and cleaning methods that should be used for cleaning the different types of equipment and the protective clothing that should be worn
- K4 why cleaning materials should be correctly diluted and the possible effects of not doing this
- K5 the potential risks when using and storing cleaning materials and equipment and the ways in which these risks can be minimised
- K6 which work equipment should be sterilised, when, why, and the potential risks if this is not done correctly
- K7 the importance of cleaning and sterilisation to maintaining hygiene and bio-security
- K8 the frequency different items of work equipment should be cleaned (for example, which should be cleaned every time they are used, which should be cleaned daily and which less frequently)
- K9 the frequency different items of work equipment should be maintained (for example, which should be maintained every time they are used, which should be maintained every time they are cleaned)
- K10 how to check that the equipment is working correctly and to whom you should report faults
- K11 how to handle, store and dispose of waste in accordance with legal and organisational requirements
- K12 the records that need to be maintained

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