

High-pressure Cleaner

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Document no.	Work description	
SMS-06-SW-0903	Use of high pressure Cleaner (hose) to clean floors, walls and other surfaces.	
Risk assessment ref:	Scope	
	Use within RailCorp locations.	
Review date	References (<i>relevant legislation, codes or practice, Australian Standards or manufacturer's manual</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMS-06-GD-0001 Guide to Manual Handling • Operator's manual • Applicable Material Safety Data Sheets • OHS Regulation 2001 chapter 5 Plant • OHS Regulation 2001 chapter 6 Hazardous Substances • OHS Regulation 2001 clause 9 Employer to identify hazards • OHS Regulation 2001 clause 10 Employer to assess risks • OHS Regulation 2001 clause 11 Employer to eliminate or Control Risk • WorkCover Code of practice: Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances • WorkCover Code of practice: Storage of Enzymatic Detergent Powders and Liquids • Manual Handling Risk Assessment – High-Pressure Cleaner 4 August 2007 	
PPE and precautions	Competencies or qualifications	Licences or permits required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubber gloves • Safety glasses • Gumboots (optional) • Goggles (optional) 	N/A	N/A
Tools and equipment required		
High pressure cleaner (hose) equipment, mop, bucket, squeegee and Slippery When Wet sign		

Warning

1. **Don't** use a high pressure cleaner (hose) to wash trains, lifts, escalators, overhead wires or any other electrical components.
2. **Don't** use a high pressure cleaner (hose) in confined spaces.
3. **Don't** raise the nozzle above knee height unless pointing at a wall.
4. **Don't** use the high pressure cleaner (hose) during business hours.
5. **Avoid** pulling the hose for long distances

**Note**

Use the correct manual handling techniques when dealing with the high pressure cleaner.

Preparing the high pressure cleaner(hose)	Check the high pressure cleaner (hose) is fit for use, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electrical leads and plugs in satisfactory condition and tagged, leads and hoses are correctly wound and secured on the high pressure cleaner (hose) to prevent trip hazards • wheels in satisfactory condition • No other parts of the high pressure cleaner (hose) are damaged. Tell the Line Manager if faults or defects are found.
	Note  <i>Do not operate the high pressure cleaner (hose) until the faults are repaired.</i>

Preparing the plant and work area	Prepare the work area for cleaning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check there are no electrical hazards, e.g. exposed electrical sockets, overhead wires, damaged electrical leads • Ensure the area is clear before proceeding and place barricades if required • place signage in areas to notify persons of possible slippery floor conditions • move the high pressure cleaner (hose) into position at walking speed • connect high pressure cleaner (hose) to services, use a waterproof socket cover for the electrical lead • Avoid using the high pressure cleaner (hose) during busy pedestrian times.
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Cleaning	<p>When washing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check the work area is safe to proceed with cleaning • keep the high pressure cleaner (hose) nozzle pointed away from yourself and other people who may be in the work area • spray the work area being cleaned • Direct run off towards controlled areas or drains to control water on surfaces. • Mop or squeegee dry the area
Packing up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove waste material and/or water. • Remove barricades and signage. • Leave SLIPPERY WHEN WET signage in place until surface dries. • Unplug the high pressure cleaner (hose), empty water and pack away in the designated storage location. • Ensure electrical cords and hoses are correctly wound and secured on the high pressure cleaner to prevent trip hazards.
Additional controls	
	<p>Note</p> <p>IF CONTROL MEASURES ARE NOT SUITABLE AND MAJOR CHANGES ARE NEEDED, CONDUCT AN OHS RISK ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOP NEW CONTROLS ACCORDING TO SMS-06-SR-1479 OHS Risk Management</p>
	<p>Staff with special needs (Permanent or Temporary)</p> <p>If staff member is on permanent or temporary modified duties supervisors must refer to the employees return to work plans to assess if the operation of High-pressure Cleaner is a suitable duty.</p>