

Safe Work Instruction	Issue date: 08/11/10
High-pressure Cleaner	Review date: 30/10/13

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 30/10/13	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 Do not operate the high pressure cleaner (hose) until the faults are repaired.

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>	