

Safe Work Instruction	Issue date: 09/07/10
Hosing surfaces	Review date: 04/05/13


Document no. SMS-06-SW-0792	Work description Use of hose to clean floors, walls and other surfaces.		
	Scope Hosing surfaces such as floors, stairs, vertical areas etc.		
Review date 04/05/13	References <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMS-06-GD-0001 Guide to Manual Handling • 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 • Manual Handling Risk Assessment – Hosing Surfaces 4 August 2007 		
Responsible supervisor	PPE and precautions	Competencies or qualifications	Licences or permits required
Line Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubber gloves 	N/A	N/A
Tools and equipment required			
Hose and trigger nozzle, mop, bucket, squeegee Slippery When Wet sign			
IF CONTROL MEASURES ARE NOT SUITABLE AND MAJOR CHANGES ARE NEEDED, CONDUCT A RISK ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOP NEW CONTROLS ACCORDING TO SMS-06-PR-0104 WORKPLACE RISK MANAGEMENT .			




Warning

Don't use a hose to wash trains, lifts, escalators, overhead wires or any other electrical components.

Don't use the hose during business hours.

Preparing the hose	Check the hose is fit for use and the trigger nozzle is fitted and operational Tell the Line Manager if faults or defects are found.	
		Note <i>Do not operate the hose until the faults are repaired.</i>

Preparing the work area	Prepare the work area for cleaning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check there are no electrical hazards, eg. 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 • avoid using the hose during busy pedestrian times.
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Cleaning	When washing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check the work area is safe to proceed with cleaning • keep hose pointed away from yourself and other people who may be in the work area • direct run off towards controlled areas or drains to control water on surfaces. • Mop or squeegee dry the area 	
		Note <i>Ensure the hose is kept straight at all times and monitor entanglements to prevent incidents</i>

Packing up	Remove waste material and/or water. Remove barricades and signage. Leave SLIPPERY WHEN WET signage in place until surface dries. Unplug hose, empty water from the hose and pack away in the designated storage location.
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