

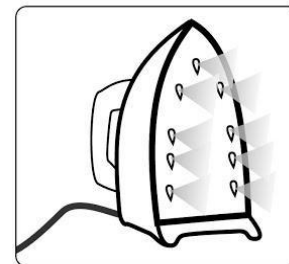
# Risk Assessment Guidance

## Title

Iron's

This risk assessment guidance has been produced for the use of irons by production departments, all irons must be in good condition, stored correctly and only used by those familiar with their operation and the requirements of this risk assessment.

If using irons for prolonged periods you must be able to have a comfortable working position, either using a bench or ironing board. If you experience aches or cramps, please report these to your supervisor or the production safety department.



Job Sequence	Hazard Identification	Controls
Safe use and storage	<p>Visual Inspection.</p> <p>Water tank / steam reservoirs.</p>	<p>Prior to use all irons should be visually inspected, key things to look for are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damaged leads</li> <li>• Damaged electrical plug</li> <li>• Damage to the casing</li> <li>• (steam irons) leaks from tank</li> </ul> <p>If you identify any defects you should not use the iron and report the damage to your supervisor.</p> <p>Steam irons should be regularly de-scaled to ensure they remain effective and jets are clear. If there is any damage or concerns regarding water storage tanks or pressure, please report them to HoD or supervisor and do not use the iron.</p> <p>Always store irons as recommended by the manufacturer, avoid storing where they can get knocked or become damaged.</p>
Electrical Safety	<p>Power leads.</p> <p>PAT Testing.</p>	<p>Cables and cords should not run across walkways, if this is unavoidable all cables must be matted or taped down. Never daisy chain cords together to get electricity to where you are working.</p> <p>All electrical appliances, after the first year of purchase, must be PAT tested annually, they should be marked to indicate they have been inspected.</p>
Personal Protective Equipment	<p>Unsuitable PPE.</p>	<p>If a user requests gloves they should be supplied, these will help with potential of steam hitting skin, reducing dry skin or heat rashes.</p>
Occupational Health	<p>Posture.</p> <p>Accident Reporting. First aid.</p>	<p>If using an iron for a prolonged period, you must be able to work comfortably. If you start to experience cramps, strains or aches, please report to your supervisor or the company safety department.</p> <p>All accidents must be reported to your supervisor, even minor burns either from contact with the plate or steam.</p> <p>There is a full time appointed medical personnel based on the site with the emergency contact numbers.</p>

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All persons working with this equipment or within close vicinity must sign and show that they have read and understood the risk assessment guidance and that they will follow the above control measures set out above during their work processes.

Additional Guidance	COSHH Assessment	Method Statement	Other (Specify)
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