SAU-106 Timberlane Regional School District

SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

FLOOR STRIPPING AND WAXING

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POTENTIAL HAZARDS	PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)	ADDITIONAL RECCOMENDATIONS
 Awkward postures - twisting Repetitive movements Vibration Forceful exertions-if loss of control for machine Chemical contact Run over power cord, loss of control, electrical 	Safety non-slip footwear Gloves, chemical goggles when handling chemicals as per chemical labels	 Closed tip footwear Operators' manual In house training SDS for product

Note: Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury (MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness, numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength in a body part. Report these to your supervisor.

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Note: This procedure is for push, hand operated floor strippers / waxers

- 1. Check equipment for frayed wires, loose plugs, or other damage. Do not use a damaged machine and notify your supervisor. Make sure plugs are grounded
- 2. Place out caution signs and barricades required in work area(s)
- 3. Get help to move large or heavy objects or furniture. Remember to try to keep your back straight and use your weight to help slide objects rather than using only your arms. If lifting, bend and push through your legs. Communicate the timing for the lift if lifting with another worker
- 4. If stripping floors:
- 5. Mix stripper and warm water slowly in a bucket according to label or fill tank with water and add product. If using a bucket, only fill it ¾ full to reduce spills. Pour mixture into tank and ensure tank is secure on machine. Know where to find the MSDS sheets in the event of an accident or spill.
- 6. Ensure the appropriate stripper / buffer pad is in good condition, clean and is seated correctly under the machine
- 7. When using the floor machine, grip the handle with a light grip, control side to side direction by raising or lowering the handle slightly. Move your feet to move with the machine to avoid repetitive twisting or overreaching
- 8. Ensure power cord is behind you to avoid risk of running over it
- 9. Turn off and unplug machine before changing pad.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- Lab 1403.43 Personal Protective Equipment
- Equipment Safety Manual
- SDS