

## GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

### Ecoserv Group Ltd

Stables 1, Howbery Park, OX10 8BA

Location: Ecoserv

<b>Title</b> : Floor strip & polish	<b>Date of Assessment</b> : 10/08/2023	<b>Risk Assessor</b> : Stephen Jones
<b>Risk Assessment Reference</b> : Floor strip & polish	<b>People involved in making this assessment</b> : Stephen Jones	
<b>Task/ Process</b> : Floor stripping & polishing	<b>People at Risk</b> : Employees, Contractors, Members of the Public	

**Hazard : Hazardous Substances** Burns and skin irritation caused by exposure to cleaning / polishing chemicals.

#### Control Measures:

1. An up to date inventory of chemicals is held and includes the hazardous substances used during the stripping and re-sealing of hard flooring.
2. Safety Data Sheets are obtained from suppliers along with relevant COSHH Risk Assessments undertaken.
3. Dilution rates are followed.
4. Adequate natural ventilation is provided when conducting this activity.
5. All waste is disposed of in line with the manufacturer's instructions.
6. Staff have received hazardous substance awareness training.
7. Appropriate PPE is provided and worn.

**Hazard : Working at Height** Falls from height when working incorrectly on the stairs. (Falling over the handrail)

#### Control Measures:

1. Operative are aware of the potential of falls from height when working on staircases.
2. Safe working zones are established prior to the commencement of the activity.
3. Operatives visually check and monitor for others approaching the work area.
4. Access to stairs is restricted when work is being carried out.

**Hazard : Manual Handling** Sprains, strains and other musculoskeletal injuries from incorrect manual handling techniques.

#### Control Measures:

1. All operative have received Manual Handling Training, which includes the lifting, moving carrying of work equipment and conducting the work activity.
2. Team lifting is utilised wherever possible.
3. Employees must only move loads that are within their own capabilities.
4. Where possible heavy, large or awkward loads are broken down into smaller more manageable loads.

5. Employees are provided with suitable protective, non-slip footwear.

6. Manual handling aids i.e. trolleys are used to transfer equipment.

**Hazard : Work Equipment** Cuts / bruising from contact with scrubbing machines, Vacuum cleaner etc.

**Control Measures:**

1. All work equipment is suitable and sufficient for the work activity.

2. The work equipment used is inspected and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

3. Only CE marked equipment is purchased and used. The work equipment includes; vacuum cleaners and scrubbing machines.

4. Job rotation and frequent breaks are conducted to prevent fatigue, manual handling and vibration ill health effects. Where there is a possibility of ill health effects caused by noise or vibration exposure separate risk assessments will be undertaken.

5. All portable electrical appliances are subject to a portable appliance test conducted by a competent person.

6. An inventory is held with appropriate signage displayed on each individual piece of portable electrical equipment.

7. If necessary, a plug circuit breaker (incorporating an RCD) is used to provide additional electrical safety

**Hazard : Hazardous Substances** Harm to self or others if products are not used correctly

**Control Measures:**

1. Cleaning chemicals are not mixed. All staff to Follow instructions on container / packaging

2. Products to be kept in containers have their caps/lids in place and secure when not in use to prevent spillages

3. COSHH assessments communicated to all relevant staff and SDS read and understood

4. All employees receive induction training upon commencement with the Company

**Documents Associated with this Risk Assessment:**

**Review Date :** 10/08/2024

**Reviewer :** Stephen Jones