

ASTC110 (SQA Unit Code - FM0T 04)

Use electrical or battery powered cleaning equipment effectively and safely



Overview

This unit is about the safe and effective use of electrical or battery powered equipment. This could be any type of electrical or battery powered equipment including, suction cleaners, spray cleaners and rotary floor buffers, although this is not an exhaustive list.

In this context electrical equipment is defined as any equipment which plugs into the mains and has a cord. Battery powered equipment does not have a cord.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 select and wear the appropriate PPE
- P2 check that you have access to the equipment you require and perform a safety check
- P3 ensure any appropriate safety/warning signs are displayed clearly
- P4 ventilate the area if necessary
- P5 adjust equipment appropriately for the requirements of the task and in line with organisational and health and safety procedures
- P6 check and prepare the surface for cleaning appropriately
- P7 where appropriate ensure that the battery pack is charged in line with manufacturer's instructions and organisational procedures
- P8 where appropriate ensure that the cable of the electrical appliance is correctly positioned
- P9 use the correct technique for the equipment concerned
- P10 ensure that the surface to be cleaned is covered systematically so that the whole area is cleaned properly
- P11 check the condition of the surface after cleaning
- P12 where appropriate empty any left over cleaning agents from the equipment and dispose of these safely
- P13 clean and test the equipment in line with organisational procedures and return to the storage area
- P14 reinstate the work area

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 what PPE is required for the equipment you are using
- K2 what equipment is appropriate for the task you are undertaking
- K3 how to check that the equipment is safe for use
- K4 the location of the charging or electrical power point
- K5 what safety / warning signs are appropriate
- K6 how to identify whether the area requires ventilation
- K7 how to adjust equipment safely
- K8 how to prepare the surface for cleaning
- K9 your organisation's procedures for charging of battery packs
- K10 the correct technique for the use of the equipment concerned
- K11 how to ensure full coverage of the surface to be cleaned
- K12 what you might look for when inspecting the surface post-cleaning
- K13 how to dispose of cleaning agents safely and in line with organisational procedures
- K14 why it is important to clean and test equipment before returning it to the storage area
- K15 how to reinstate the work area

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