

SKSLWDC12 – Remove stains on items through cleaning processes - SQA Unit Code HJ63 04

Overview:

This standard is for those who identify and remove stains on items by using wet and/or dry cleaning methods.

The job role may involve:

- working on the spotting table
- inspecting items and detecting stains
- using chemicals or detergents
- applying stain removal procedures
- identifying stains

Performance Criteria:

- P1 prepare the work station for stain treatment and/or removal, item inspection and pre-spotting
- P2 identify fabric fibres and the correct method for removing stains from the item prior to treatment
- P3 safely identify staining type or possible type using:
- feel
 - odour
 - colour
 - appearance
 - location
- P4 ensure delicate items and accessories are protected during treatment procedures
- P5 correctly identify wet side and dry side staining
- P6 correctly identify protein, albumen and tannin staining
- P7 test the item to check for colour fastness to spotting reagents and chemicals
- P8 apply and treat the item using wet side and dry side proprietary chemicals
- P9 remove stains from items without damaging the fabric using the following methods:
- mechanical action
 - dissolving
 - softening and lubrication
 - digestion
 - chemical reaction
- P10 safely flush out applied chemicals or detergents from the item
- P11 safely handle contaminated, blood stained or unpleasant soiled items in line with organisational procedures
- P12 inspect the item following stain removal to ensure it meets organisational quality standards
- P13 ensure the work station is cleaned and prepared correctly between treatments

Knowledge and Understanding

- K1 how to operate stain removal equipment
- K2 the difference between cold spotting and steam spotting tables
- K3 the importance of using dedicated pre-spotting tables
- K4 why it is important to maintain the cleanliness of the work station between treatments
- K5 the correct steam, water, air pressure and lighting requirements to carry out stain removal
- K6 the requirements of ventilation air extraction during stain removal processing
- K7 the differences between; absorbed staining, built up staining and compound staining

- K8 the objectives and limitations of stain removal
- K9 the definition of pre-spotting
- K10 the risks associated with the dry-cleaning of items containing water after wet side removal treatments or slab spotting
- K11 how to interpret care labels
- K12 why certain stains need additional treatment or special precautions
- K13 the properties of main fibres used in fabrics
- K14 the different fabric/fibre types and construction, and the problems that may arise when these are brought into contact with certain chemicals
- K15 the tests used to identify fabrics and fibres
- K16 correct use of stain removal chemicals, their limitations and other stain removal techniques
- K17 the personal protection measures to follow when using hazardous chemicals
- K18 how to identify hazardous substances
- K19 how to safely dispose of hazardous substances following use
- K20 the organisational quality standards for stain removal
- K21 statutory responsibilities under health, safety and environmental legislations and regulations during the stain treatment process