

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT Commercial cleaning safety

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The key to preventing potential risks that may cause harm to you or your colleagues is by being aware of how your personal safety may be compromised, then taking simple steps to protect your safety at all times.

This safety alert has been issued to remind you of the precautions to take to reduce the risk of work hazards for commercial cleaners. Common hazards can include manual handling, the work environment, electrical equipment, hazardous substances, skin-penetrating injuries or occupational violence.

Here are a few tips to protect your personal safety when at a DHA site.

STOP

Before starting work

- What is the job and what are the site conditions?
- Do I need to use hazardous materials?
- What equipment do I need to complete the job? Is it in good condition and appropriate for the job?

THINK

Do I have appropriate controls in place to complete the work safely?

- What PPE do I need to complete the job safely—suitable shoes, gloves?
- Do I have relevant SDS available for the hazardous materials being used?
- Do I have signs and barriers to keep people off wet areas?
- Is all my electrical equipment tested and tagged?
- Am I lifting equipment correctly?
- Are the cleaning products secured from spills and contaminants if left unattended?

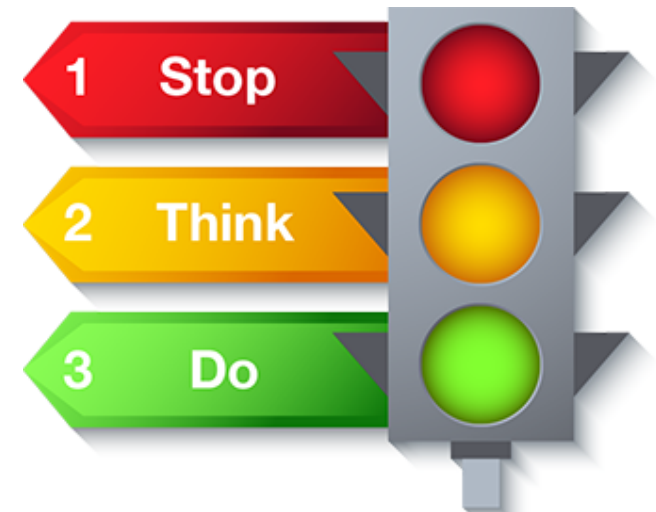
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Observe safety at all times

- Ensure you have completed the DHA WHS module for contractors..
- Be mindful of your own security.

Handy tip

Taking the time to assess risks before conducting work can create a safer workplace for you and other around you.



Report any faults or incidents to DHA including any faulty looking equipment. Phone **139 DHA (342)**

Further information on managing the risks associated with hazardous chemicals can be found here:

[Managing risks of hazardous chemicals in the workplace - code of practice July 2012.](#)