



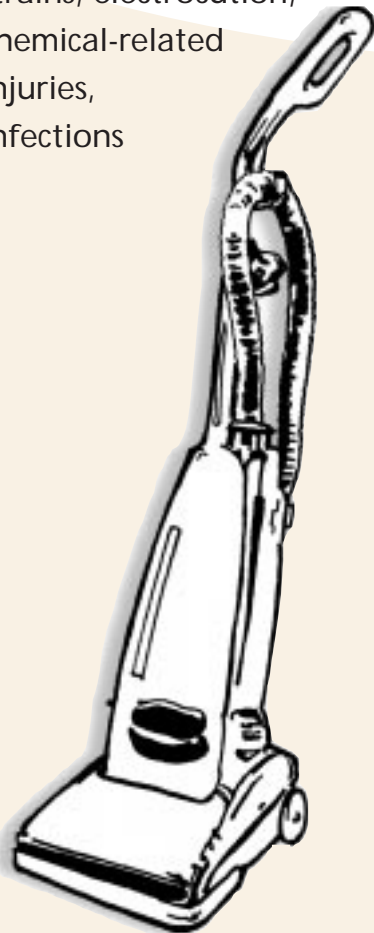
SAFETYCHECK

For the Service Industry

Hotel Housekeeping

What Can Happen

- Cuts, bruises, sprains, strains, electrocution, chemical-related injuries, infections



What You Can Do

- ✓ Watch for things that may cause accidents and report them immediately to your supervisor
- ✓ Place mops, buckets and other equipment where no one can fall over them
- ✓ Practise safe lifting techniques – lift with your legs, not your back
- ✓ Be careful with cleaning solutions or chemicals – read product labels

Cleaning a Room

- ✓ Store cigarette butts and sharp objects in a separate, metal container
- ✓ Roll up all linen, rugs and spreads before putting them in the soiled laundry bundle
- ✓ Wear rubber gloves when using strong cleaning solutions
- ✓ Push (don't pull) tall or heavy pieces of furniture – get help if necessary

And Remember

- ✓ **Do not** touch light switches or handle electrical equipment when your hands are wet or you are standing on a damp floor
- ✓ **Do not** stand on the edge of bathroom tubs
- ✓ **Do not** mix ammonia and chlorine-based cleaners together – poisonous gas is produced
- ✓ **Do not** run up or down stairs – always walk and use the handrail
- ✓ **Do not** try to repair machines or equipment – report problems to your supervisor
- ✓ **Do not** run your hands along or inside objects unless you have checked first for razor blades, needles, broken glass, etc.
- ✓ **Do not** use your hands to compress garbage in a bag – use a stick or plunger
- ✓ **Do not** unplug the vacuum cleaner by pulling on the cord – pull on the plug