

# Floor Stripping and Polishing Safety

## THINGS TO REMEMBER



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Floor stripping and polishing is used to remove built up layers of floor finish, re-apply a top coat and maintain a good surface condition.

### RISKS

This type of work deals with chemicals, is labor and equipment intensive and can cause slippery surfaces.

### SLIPERY SURFACES

Wear non-slip footwear move slowly and be alert to each step taken when stripping and polishing floors. Always ensure a wet floor sign is placed until floors are dry.

### HANDLING EQUIPMENT

Be familiar with the manufacture's guidelines for safe use of equipment. Use appropriate speeds, attachments and pads for the type of work being done. Ensure cords are not in the walking path and do not cause a tripping hazard while working.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Always follow the chemical manufacturers guidelines for personal protective equipment.

Typical equipment required:

- Safety goggles or face shield
- Protective gloves
- Protective clothing
- Respiratory protection

