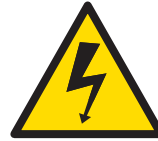




VACUUM SAFETY TIPS



Be Prepared

- ✓ Ensure you have been trained in the use of the vacuum
- ✓ Use the correct vacuum for the work (e.g., indoor, outdoor, wet)
- ✓ Inspect the machine to ensure:
 - No obvious defects
 - Frayed electrical cord
 - Damaged plug
 - Adequate suction
- ✓ Adjust wand to comfortable length if feature is available
- ✓ Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE):
 - Hearing protection (depending on machine)
 - Non-slip shoes

Work Safe

- ✓ Do not use a regular dry vacuum on a wet surface or for nails or other sharp objects
- ✓ Do not vacuum flammable or toxic materials
- ✓ Use a GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) if any surfaces/materials could be wet
- ✓ Do not run electrical cord across hallways/high traffic areas
- ✓ Do not pull out the electrical plug by the cord
- ✓ Adjust the wand (if possible) so that you have a more upright posture
- ✓ Use backpack vacuums for stairs and uneven surfaces if available
- ✓ Keep the vacuum wand close to the body - reaching places extra strain
- ✓ Keep the cord away from sharp edges and corners

Finish Right

- ✓ Ensure the vacuum is unplugged when cleaning and maintaining
- ✓ Empty dust container and clean filter in a well-ventilated area
- ✓ Store the vacuum in a designated area
- ✓ Clean and put away PPE
- ✓ Report any problems with the equipment to your supervisor



Speak up!

If you see a hazard, let a supervisor know.
Everyone plays a role in your safety and health.

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