



JOB AID HAZARD AWARENESS INFO

JANITORIAL CLEANING CART

Wheeled carts or stands pushed by hand and used to transport cleaning supplies (mop, wringer, dusting tools, spray bottles of cleansers, paper towels, etc.)

Hazards Involved/Arise

- Strain injuries predominantly for the lower back, shoulder, arm muscles and joints caused by pulling/pushing, overexertion and awkward postures
- Crushing or pinching of fingers and hands being caught in/on, or between the cart and other objects. Toes, feet and lower legs can be bumped or crushed by the cart
- Slips, trips and falls due to damaged carts, defective or missing
- Exposure to chemicals in open or damaged containers
- Violent behaviour



People Affected

- Janitors
- Custodian/cleaner
- Special considerations: Inexperienced staff/older staff

Existing Controls

- Select light-weight equipment (carts, mops, buckets) to reduce force levels
- Stock cart only with materials you will need and ensure they are securely placed in the cart
- Push instead of pulling
- Proper storage and use of chemicals according to WHMIS
- Exercise safe lifting practices
- Place the most frequently used products/tools closest to you
- Avoid using cart in narrow aisles or tight cubicles
- Service castors regularly
- Ensure walkways are clear and well lit
- Be aware of any uneven surfaces which could cause the cart to tip over
- Avoid spills by not overfilling the bucket
- Never leave the cart unattended

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