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

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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