MAID FOR EACH OTHER LTD.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Task: Carpet machine cleaning (carpet extractor / scrubber)

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Identified hazards

- Slips, trips and falls (wet carpets, overspray, hoses/cables, reduced friction).
- Electrical hazards (powered equipment used with water; damaged leads; incorrect sockets).
- Manual handling strains (moving/lifting machine, filling/emptying tanks, transporting equipment).
- Skin/eye irritation from carpet cleaning chemicals and splashes.
- Inhalation of fumes/aerosols from detergents and pre-sprays, especially in poorly ventilated areas.
- Noise and vibration exposure during prolonged use.
- Collision risk with customers/occupants; restricted access routes in corridors.
- Damage to surfaces or shrinkage/bleeding due to incorrect method/product.
- Fire risk if using flammable products (where applicable).

Who is at risk? Employees and customers/occupants (and others in the work area).

How is the risk controlled?

- Only trained and competent employees to operate carpet machines; follow manufacturer instructions.
- Pre-use checks: inspect plug, lead, machine casing, hoses and attachments; do not use damaged equipment and report faults.
- Electrical safety: use suitable sockets; avoid overloading; keep connections off the floor where possible; use RCD protection where applicable; never operate with wet hands.

- Cable/hoses management: route safely to reduce trip risk; avoid across walkways; use cones/signs and keep area controlled.
- Warning signs provided and placed at points of entry/exit; where possible, cordon off and work in sections. Restrict access until carpets are safe to walk on.
- Prevent slips: avoid over-wetting; make additional drying passes; remove overspray; use air movers/ventilation where available; ensure safe drying time.
- Manual handling: use safe lifting techniques; use a trolley/second person for heavy machines; do not overfill tanks; empty in appropriate drain point.
- Chemicals: follow COSHH / manufacturer instructions (dilution, PPE, contact time); never mix chemicals; label bottles and store safely.
- Ventilation: open windows/doors and use extractor fans where available; avoid heavy spraying in confined spaces.
- Protect surfaces: test in an inconspicuous area first; use correct pads/chemicals for carpet type; report any damage/concerns.
- PPE provided and used as required (gloves; eye protection for splash risk; mask where fumes/aerosols heavy).
- Method statement / safe system of work provided.

PPE / Safety checklist (tick as applicable)

x Protective gloves available.	x Warning signs used / area cordoned.
x Non-slip footwear worn.	☐ Equipment pre-use checked.
x Eye protection available (splash risk).	☐ RCD used (where applicable).
☐ Dust mask/respiratory protection available (where required).	X Cables/hoses managed safely.
x Operatives trained in machine use.	x Reporting procedures followed.
x Area to be well lit.	☐ Routine safety checks undertaken.

Risk assessment for this task: LOW risk.