MAID FOR EACH OTHER LTD.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Task: Floors and stairs cleaning

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Identified hazards

- Slips, trips and falls on wet floors and stairs (including cleaning residues).
- Falls on stairs due to carrying equipment, overreaching, or obstructed access.
- Manual handling strains (buckets, machines, moving furniture/signage).
- Skin/eye irritation from cleaning chemicals and splashes.
- Poor lighting/visibility on stairwells, increasing fall risk.
- Trips from trailing hoses/leads, cords, and equipment left in walkways.
- Collision risk with customers/occupants in busy corridors/stairwells.
- Dust inhalation when dry sweeping/prep work is carried out.
- Electrical hazards when using powered equipment near water (scrubber/dryer, vacuum, etc.).

Who is at risk? Employees and customers/occupants (and others using the walkways/stairs).

How is the risk controlled?

- Warning signs provided and placed at points of entry/exit; where possible, cordon off the area and clean in sections.
- Clean during quieter times where possible; maintain safe pedestrian access routes.
- Prevent slips: use minimal solution required, avoid over-wetting, and dry/leave safe-to-walk surfaces; remove residues.
- Stairs: clean from top to bottom where practicable; keep one hand free to hold the handrail; do not overreach.
- Never leave equipment or buckets on stairs; keep landings clear at all times.

- Manual handling: do not overfill buckets; use safe lifting techniques; use a trolley where available; make multiple trips rather than over-carrying.
- Use correct dilution and follow COSHH / manufacturer instructions; never mix chemicals.
- Electrical safety: check equipment/leads before use; keep cables away from water; use RCD protection where applicable; report faults and do not use damaged equipment.
- Good housekeeping: route cables safely, remove trip hazards promptly, and report defects (loose stair nosings, damaged handrails, poor lighting).
- PPE provided and used as required (gloves, non-slip footwear; eye protection where splash risk exists).
- Method statement / safe system of work provided.
- Trained and competent employees allocated task.

PPE / Safety checklist (tick as applicable)

x Non-slip footwear worn.	☐ Warning signs used.
☐ Protective gloves available.	x Safe access route maintained.
☐ Suitable eye protection available.	x Cables/hoses managed safely.
x Operatives trained in use of PPE.	x No equipment left on stairs.
x Area to be well lit.	x Reporting procedures followed.
x Good housekeeping observed.	x Routine safety checks undertaken.

Risk assessment for this task: Medium risk.