

## INTRODUCTION

Floor scrubbing machines make quick work of removing contaminants, dust, and scuffs from the workplace floor. Unfortunately, these benefits also come with a certain amount of risk, especially if employees neglect to use them safely.



## HAZARDS

Injuries sustained from using a floor scrubbing machine incorrectly will most likely be a result of:

- Chemical hazards, depending on which chemicals are used.
- Ergonomic hazards from pushing and pulling the machine.
- Pinch points from moving parts.
- Slip and fall hazards.



## SAFE WORK PRACTICES

In order to avoid accidents, the following safety rules must be followed when operating a floor scrubbing machine:

- Understand all the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels before using the scrubber.
- Only use the floor scrubber machine if you have been trained and authorized.
- Before using, visually check that the machine is in good working condition, and do not use if there are any signs of damage.
  - Lock and tag out damaged machines and let your supervisor know.
- Make sure bystanders and coworkers stay a safe distance away while the scrubber is on.
- Use proper posture and body ergonomics when using the floor scrubber machine.
- Do not use attachments unless they have been approved by the manufacturer.
- Always keep your hands clear of moving parts.
- Do not bypass safety features or guards at any time.
- Never leave the floor scrubber machine unattended unless the key has been removed.
- Do not use the floor scrubber to transport people or objects.
- Foaming and/or flammable cleaning products should not be used in the scrubber.
- Do not use floor scrubbers to clean irritating substances such as strong acids or hazardous dust.
- Do not use the floor scrubber in areas where flammable substances are used or stored.





# FLOOR SCRUBBER SAFETY

## STORAGE

When finished using the floor scrubber unit, it must be serviced and stored appropriately to ensure continued good operating condition.

- Turn off the machine and remove the key.
- Empty the recovery and solution tanks and rinse the tanks with water.
- Make sure the unit is stored in a clean, dry location.
- Charge batteries as needed in a well-ventilated area, away from ignition sources.



## CONCLUSION

Floor scrubbing units can be very safe if used correctly, and can even make your workplace safer by eliminating hazardous bacteria. Employees who use these machines at work must make a conscious effort to avoid accidents by following the safety procedures.

