

Risk Mitigation Sheet

Risk Title	Staircase
Nature of Risk	Working on a staircase presents an increased risk of injury through tripping/falling or through objects falling down the staircase.
Risk Mitigation Procedures	<p>Great care should be taken when working on staircases as there is an increased danger from falling. Concentrate fully on the job you are working on.</p> <p>Ensure the staircase is free from all items and adequately lit before commencing work.</p> <p>Ensure that all people in the house are aware that you are working on the staircase.</p> <p>If it is necessary to run an electric cable up the stairs (eg vacuuming stairs) then give prior thought to cable management to make sure you do not get feet caught in the cable and no-one trips over the cable. Consider hanging the cable over the bannister if appropriate where it reduces the risk of tripping.</p> <p>For safety reasons it is generally considered easier to vacuum stairs by starting at the bottom.</p> <p>Work facing the staircase.</p> <p>Pay attention to where you step so as to maintain your balance.</p> <p>Avoid having the vacuum above you on the staircase as it may fall.</p> <p>Never stretch or reach too far while on a staircase.</p> <p>Never run on a staircase and take one step at a time.</p> <p>Carry only one item at a time when going up/down the staircase. Do not carry objects that are too heavy for you to do so safely.</p> <p>Never leave items unattended on or at the top of staircases. Place items at the bottom, next to the wall.</p>