

SAFETY ALERT

WHAT HAPPENED?

The SIR sees an upward trend in the number of accidents with injuries during manual high-pressure cleaning.

Examples of these are:

- A high pressure injury to the palm of the hand from a flexible hose due to an unstable mounted hose catcher system.
- A high-pressure injury to the foot from the high-pressure jet gun during prolonged, repetitive jetting activities.

These accidents could have been prevented with better work preparation or a STOP reflex.



IN INDUSTRIAL CLEANING,
MECHANICAL CLEANING IS ALWAYS PREFERRED.
THIS IS SAFER AND MORE EFFICIENT.



FOCUS AREAS



FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY

When cleaning manually, safety is paramount. Please note:

- Place the object to be cleaned at the correct height so that you can work properly and respond quickly if it starts to move.
- Make sure you can quickly step out of a foot pedal in case of danger, so make sure the foot pedal's protective cover is large enough so that you can always step out immediately and easily, regardless of the high-pressure footwear you are wearing.
- A hose catcher system must be installed properly and stably with the correct mounting materials in accordance with the manual.
- Take the time required for the job and don't let external factors rush you.



STOP REFLEX

Stop your work.

Talk to yourself, a colleague or your supervisor.

Observe and discuss the situation and consider the potential hazards.

Proceed only after you have safely adjusted your work method.

FOR THE WORK PREPARATION

The client is also responsible for safety.

The client:

- Ensures that safe working methods are considered. Has the safest working method been chosen (not the cheapest)? Has the HP decision tree been applied?
- Adapts installations as necessary to ensure safe working conditions.
- Ensures adequate working space and safe working conditions.
- Provides information about the installation and the risks involved.
- Checks whether all conditions of the SIR checklist have been met and whether all necessary permits have been discussed.
- Checks whether the work environment has changed compared to the agreements (different activities or changed situation).
- Understands that a job cannot be completed safely 'just quickly'.

