

ILLUSIONS AUSTRALIA

SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

SWP 016 – DISHWASHER

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Minimum requirements for safe operation and cleaning of workplace dishwashers at Illusions Australia.

Applies to kitchen/amenities dishwashers and associated loading, unloading and routine cleaning.

2. AUTHORISATION AND COMPETENCY

Workers must understand normal controls, chemical hazards and safe clearing of minor obstructions.

Electrical, plumbing or internal mechanical repairs are for authorised competent persons only.

3. REQUIRED PPE

The following PPE must be worn as appropriate:

- Enclosed footwear.
- Gloves suitable for handling cleaning chemicals or broken items where required.
- Eye protection where chemical splash risk exists.

4. PRE-START CHECKS

Before commencing work, confirm that:

- Machine, door, racks and controls are serviceable.
- Electrical lead/outlet shows no damage.
- Correct dishwasher chemical is available and labelled.
- No incompatible chemicals are being mixed.
- Broken glass or sharp items are removed safely.
- Floor is dry and free of slip hazards.

5. SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

1. Scrape food waste into the appropriate bin.
2. Load racks without overloading and position sharp items safely.
3. Add/use only the designated chemical in accordance with instructions.
4. Close the door fully and select the correct cycle.
5. Keep hands clear of hot steam when opening after a cycle.
6. Allow hot items to cool where necessary.
7. Unload carefully and store items safely.
8. Clean filters/strainers only after the machine is stopped and safe to access.

6. PROHIBITED PRACTICES

Workers must not:

- Reach into a running machine.
- Use unlabelled or incompatible chemicals.
- Mix cleaning chemicals.
- Handle broken glass with bare hands.
- Use damaged electrical equipment.
- Open panels or attempt electrical/mechanical repairs.
- Leave water or detergent spills on the floor.

7. HOT WATER AND STEAM

Hot water, steam and recently washed items can cause burns.

- Open the door cautiously.
- Allow steam to dissipate before reaching inside.
- Allow hot items to cool before handling where necessary.

8. CHEMICALS

Dishwashing and cleaning products may irritate or burn skin and eyes.

- Follow labels and SDS.
- Keep chemicals in labelled containers.
- Clean spills promptly using the required method.

9. FAULTS, DAMAGE AND ABNORMAL OPERATION

Stop for electrical fault, water leak, unusual noise, burning smell, door/interlock fault or uncontrolled chemical leak.

Isolate and report defective equipment.

10. SHUTDOWN AND HOUSEKEEPING

- Switch off after use where required.
- Clean filters and surrounding surfaces safely.
- Dry spills and leave floor safe.
- Store chemicals correctly.
- Report defects.

11. EMERGENCY AND INCIDENT RESPONSE

1. Stop the equipment or activity immediately.
2. Isolate energy sources where safe to do so.
3. Provide or obtain first aid as required.
4. Notify the Foreman, Leading Hand or other authorised Illusions Australia representative.
5. Call emergency services where required.
6. Do not recommence until the incident, defect or unsafe condition has been addressed.

12. STOP WORK REQUIREMENT

Work must stop where:

- Electrical damage or water leakage is present.
- Chemical identity is uncertain.
- Door/interlock or controls are defective.
- Broken glass cannot be safely removed.
- Floor cannot be kept safe.

No production requirement or deadline takes priority over safe work.

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