



Risk Assessment Chewing Gum Removal

This document is a description of the general risks associated with using the Gumwand chewing gum removal machine, with public places in mind. A 'site specific' risk assessment and method statement should be created for every new site being cleaned or when the site being cleaned experiences changes to the original method statement and risk assessment – this document is not designed to use in place of that.

Describe Hazard	Harm? To Who?	Current Action?	Improvements needed?	By Who?	By When?	Complete? Y/N
Steam from Gumwand chewing gum removal machine	Burn risk to operative and anyone in very close proximity (0 – 90mm from nozzle)	Before using the Gumwand every operative should read and understand the operators instructions and be fully trained in its use.	None – Very Low risk as steam only able to damage at contact within very short distance of nozzle	N/A	N/A	Yes
Slips, trips and falls	Cleaning operative and anyone in close proximity	Cleaning operatives to be aware during cleaning of potential risks and always wear appropriate PPE including non slip footwear	None – Risk is medium as this is the most common work place hazard (Source: HSE)	N/A	N/A	Yes
Working in extreme hot or cold environments and exposure to extreme weather	Cleaning operatives	Along with the appropriate PPE each operative should wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Operatives should be encouraged to take regular breaks to rest and drink fluids etc	None – Risk is low due to measures in place	N/A	N/A	Yes



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Using and Changing LPG Gas	Cleaning operatives	Full training to be provided to each operative. Each operative to read and understand the manufactures operating instructions before attempting to use the Gumwand or change the LPG.	Training reviews for all those operating the Gumwand	Line Mgr	On-going	Quarterly Review Suggested
Filling Gumwand cleaning chemical into the Gumwand machine	Cleaning operatives	Full training to be provided and appropriate PPE should be worn	Separate COSHH Risk assessments to be read and understood before handling chemicals	N/A	N/A	Yes
Lifting and using the Gumwand	Cleaning operatives	Full training to be provided to each operative. Each operative to read and understand the manufactures operating instructions before attempting to use the Gumwand	Training reviews for all those operating the Gumwand	Line Mgr	Ongoing	Quarterly Review Suggested