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PROCECURE SUBJECT:

Floor Burnishing-Burnisher/Floor Buffing-Buffer Swing Machine

PURPOSE:

To restore and maintain gloss and finish to the floor.

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Use personal protective equipment (PPE) according to Safety Data Sheet (SDS).
- 2. Prepare equipment.
- 3. Move the furniture where applicable. Do not obstruct the corridor.
- 4. Place wet floor sign in the appropriate area.
- 5. Dry/wet mop all floors before beginning operation.
- 6. Deep scrub floor if required. Refer to procedure Wet Scrubbing with Swing Floor Machine (ORG.1910.PR.011).
- 7. Put on appropriate pad.
- 8. Adjust handle of the burnisher/buffer to hip height.
- 9. Unwind cord and plug the burnisher/buffer into the receptacle on the same side you are burnishing/buffing.
- 10. Put the cord over your shoulder and place both hands on the handle grip.
- 11. Starting at the far end of the room, work towards the entrance, walking backward. Guide the machine forward and backwards if using a burnisher; if using a buffer, move the handle side to side.
- 12. Guide the machine in a systematic pattern until you have covered the entire area.
- 13. A visible shine indicates that the burnishing procedure is completed.

- 14. Lift the head before turning off the machine.
- 15. Dry mop the floor and wipe the baseboards after burnishing/buffing is completed.
- 16. Remove and clean the pad as per procedure Cleaning of Floor Pads (ORG.1910.PR.046)
- 17. Wipe machine and cord with a damp cloth.
- 18. Store in appropriate area.

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES:

- Floor Burnisher
- Floor Buffer / Swing Machine
- Appropriate Pad
- Wet Floor Sign
- Dry and Wet Mop
- Broom / Dust Pan

REFERENCES:

Wet Scrubbing with Swing Floor Machine - ORG.1910.PR.011 Cleaning of Floor Pads - ORG.1910.PR.046