

## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

# Industrial Steamer

**DO NOT use this equipment unless you have received authorization from the Shop Coordinator**



Closed-toe footwear must be worn.



Secure loose clothing, hair, and jewelry.

### Potential Hazards and Injuries

- ⚠ Electric Shock/Electrocution
- ⚠ Burns/Scalding

### Pre-Operational Safety Checks

- ✓ Allow the appliance to cool completely before adding water.
- ✓ Unplug from electrical outlet when filling with water.
- ✓ Ensure cord and device are not damaged or worn. Report damaged or malfunctioning equipment immediately, then tag and remove it from operation.
- ✓ Ensure rods are tightened securely before operating.
- ✓ Ensure power cord is plugged directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord.
- ✓ Check appliance operation before each use by holding it away from body and operating.

### Safe Practices During Operation

- ✓ Steam only in an up and down vertical motion. Tilting the steamer handle may result in hot water discharge.
- ✓ When steaming in a low position near the floor, extend hose up and out frequently to keep clear of condensation.
- ✓ Ensure cord does not touch hot surfaces.
- ✓ Ensure there is always water in the tank while operating.
- ✓ Keep face, hands, and body away from steam. Never direct steam at people or animals (do not steam clothing while on body)

### Ending Operations and Cleaning Up

- ✓ Turn off and unplug appliance after each use. Release excess steam.
- ✓ Hang steam head in an upright position in the hose hanger section when not in use.
- ✓ Take care when emptying the reservoir, as there may be hot water inside.
- ✓ Periodically, empty the reservoir to avoid sediment buildup and maintain proper water level.

### DON'T

- ⊗ Do not use the steamer for anything except its intended use.
- ⊗ Do not use an extension cord.
- ⊗ Never direct steam head towards people or animals. Never steam clothing while on body and never place hands in front of steam head.
- ⊗ Never operate steamer without water. Never allow to run dry.
- ⊗ Do not overfill reservoir.
- ⊗ Do not use additives such as salt, vinegar, bleach, or perfumes. The only exception is cleaning products provided by the manufacturer.
- ⊗ Never attempt repairs yourself. Report damaged equipment, then tag and remove it from operation.
- ⊗ Never use steam head in a horizontal or backwards-tilted position, this may result in hot water discharge.
- ⊗ Never immerse the appliance in water or other liquids.
- ⊗ Never tug cord to disconnect from outlet; instead grasp plug and pull to disconnect.
- ⊗ Never move the appliance by pulling the power cord.
- ⊗ Do not leave appliance plugged in while filling with water, emptying, or when not in use.

***SOP must be used in conjunction with an effective training program***