

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Trip injuries caused by obstructions



Back and muscle strains from manual handling or overreaching



Electric shock as a result of contact with faulty equipment



Fire as a result of build-up or ignition of hot or contaminated items

What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear with slip-resistant soles

Tumble dryers

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Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

Safe System of Work

1. Empty the lint filter prior to use.
2. Ensure the dryer vent is not covered.
3. Use trolleys or roll cages to transport laundry bags and avoid manual handling.
4. Never put contaminated or dirty items in the dryer.
5. Items containing foam rubber or other rubber-like materials must not be dried in a tumble dryer.
6. Do not leave a tumble dryer running unattended or overnight.
7. Always use the cool-down function on the tumble dryer.
8. Remove items from the dryer once the cycle has completed.
9. Dried laundry must not be packed tightly into trolleys, laundry bags, cupboards etc., but be vented and cooled before it is stored or packed.

If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.

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List any additional hazards or risks you have identified and control measures required to manage these.

SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)