

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Burn/scald injuries from contact with hot water or steam



Cuts/lacerations from broken glass

What other precautions should be taken?



Clean up any spillages immediately



Use a dustpan and brush to clean up broken glass

Polishing glassware

Safety Task Card STCCS 29

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. Fill a wine bucket or a heat resistant, rigid plastic container that has a handle no more than half full with hot water.
2. Use water from a hot water urn. Do not use boiling water.
3. Use a waiter's cloth or similar when carrying the container.
4. Avoid carrying the container far. If you can't polish glasses close to the hot water source, use a trolley to transport the container.
5. Clean up spillages as they occur and use wet floor warning signs when appropriate.
6. Make sure the container is placed on an even and stable surface, away from walkways and thoroughfares.
7. Before polishing a glass, inspect it for damage, such as cracks and chips. Any damaged glasses should be disposed of safely.
8. Hold the glass at an angle above the hot water, so that steam condenses in and around the glass. Do not put the glass or your hands in the water.
9. When polishing stemmed glasses, hold them at the join between the top of the stem and the bowl of the glass.
10. Polish the glass by gently wiping with a glass cloth. Using too much pressure may result in the glass breaking or cracking.
11. Dispose of any broken glasses by putting them in the designated broken glass and crockery bin or wrap securely in cardboard before placing in general waste.
12. Always use a dustpan and brush to clear up broken glass. Do not pick shards up with your hands.

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

