Wet Mopping – Floods – Resilient Floors

Frequency

As needed

Materials & Equipment

Disinfectant
Two mop buckets
2 wringers
Cotton blend mop
Wet floor/Caution signs
Aluminum pan
Plastic sheeting

Areas Where Applicable

Flooded areas and general water pick up

Preparation of the Materials

Use the Floods Category and Class of Water to determine the appropriate cleanup. Refer to sewage cleanup procedure if necessary. Fill one bucket with clean water and disinfectant solution. Fill aluminum pan with disinfectant solution and place at the doorway. Place walk off towel beside pan. If the flood contains sewage or fecal matter extra PPE precaution should be used.

Procedure

1) Place the Wet floor/Caution signs at the edges and entrances of the area. Secure the area against unauthorized entry.
2) Put on appropriate PPE.
3) Investigate the area for potential electrical hazards and de-energize electrical circuits that may have been exposed to moisture.
4) Remove any furniture or loose rugs and place them on plastic sheeting.
5) Extract contaminated water and place it in an empty mop bucket. If it has been contaminated with sewage, it should be disposed of in a toilet.
6) Anytime you leave the area you must step into the disinfectant solution pan and then step on to the walk off towel. This will avoid spreading contamination.
7) Place the clean mop in the solution bucket, agitate it, and wring it dry.
8) Carefully apply solution in hard-to-reach areas. Then use a figure eight stroke to spread solution onto the open area, just overlapping the striping around the edges. Turn the mop over every four or five strokes. Rinse, wring, and re-soak the mop whenever it does not appear to be leaving enough solution on the floor.
9) When using disinfectant, the floor must be rinsed with clean water.
10) If any contaminated furniture is to be reused it must be wiped down using disinfectant.

NOTE: After the flood has been extracted and the area has been sanitized, do not remove signs, replace furnishings, or allow traffic to enter until the floor is completely dry.

Cleanup

Rinse all mop buckets, wringers and mop heads after use. Mop heads contaminated with sewage should be discarded. Aluminum pan should be discarded.

Safety & PPE Recommendations

PPE recommended includes gloves, face shield, rubber boots, and impervious coveralls. Hands must be washed thoroughly after the job is complete. Do not eat or drink during cleanup.

Performance Standards

All floors should be free from soil.