

SAFETY AND HYGIENE REGULATIONS



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RECOMMENDATIONS ACCORDING TO APPENDIX II ON ORDER, CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF ROYAL DECREE 486/1997, ESTABLISHING MINIMUM HEALTH AND SAFETY PROVISIONS FOR WORKPLACES

ORDER, CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

1. Passageways, exits and routes around workplaces, particularly exits and routes intended for evacuation in cases of emergency, must be free from obstacles so that they can be used with no difficulties at any time.

2. Workplaces, including service premises and their respective equipment and installations, must be cleaned regularly and whenever needed to keep them in a suitable, hygienic state. The characteristics of floors, ceilings and walls will be such that they enable easy cleaning and maintenance.

Rubbish, patches of grease, hazardous waste and other waste materials that could cause accidents or contaminate the work environment must be removed quickly.

3. Cleaning operations should not be a source of risk for the employees that undertake them or for other people. Consequently, they should be carried at the most suitable time, in the most appropriate way and with the right resources.

People who carry out cleaning operations must receive suitable training and information about the hazards of cleaning products, the safe use of cleaning equipment, and the use of personal protection equipment.

4. Workplaces and their facilities in particular should be maintained regularly so that the working conditions always meet project specifications. Any faults that could affect the safety and health of employees must be resolved quickly.

Records must be kept of inspections, revisions and maintenance of workplaces and their facilities.

If a ventilation system is used, it must be maintained in good working order and have a control system that indicates any fault, if this is necessary for the health of workers.

Maintenance of protection equipment must include checking that it is working correctly.

NOTE: The text in blue are explanations from the Technical Handbook derived from Royal Decree 486/1997, which establishes the minimum safety and health provisions for workplaces.