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Electricity and water don't mix. Cleaning teams work around both daily — using powered vacuums, polishers and scrubbers often near damp floors and public spaces. A small shortcut like taping a cord or bypassing a tripping RCD can lead to serious shock.

Primary Risks & Hazards to Spot

- Damaged or frayed power cords on equipment
- Wet areas increasing shock potential
- Missing or faulty RCD protection
- Improper storage causing crushed cables
- Cords across walkways creating trip hazards



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What's the most common electrical issue you spot with cleaning gear?

When was the last time you checked the Test & Tag?



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Critical Controls

- Inspect plug, cord and tag before every use
- Always plug into an RCD — never bypass or tape a tripping device
- Stop immediately and tag-out defective equipment
- Keep cords off wet floors and away from traffic
- Store cords loosely to prevent internal wire damage
- Report damaged sockets or outlets to maintenance



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What's your process if an electrical equipment (eg vacuum) trips the RCD twice in one shift?