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## Facilities Maintenance & Grounds Staff Duties

At UC Health locations, Facility Maintenance employees play a critical role in supporting and maintaining the day to day hospital operations. Facility Maintenance workers often carry out many different tasks in a single day, working at a number of locations in varying environmental conditions. To perform these job functions, workers are exposed to risk factors such as repetitive motions, awkward postures, and forceful exertions. Task completed by Facility maintenance staff have a low frequency/high severity rate. Proper equipment and training can aid in reducing injuries, if appropriate for the task and utilized. Safe body mechanics can help improve posture or position if staff are engaged and trained properly.

### Risks Associated With Maintenance and Ground Keeping Activities Include...

- Exposure to biohazards including raw sewage
- Flying debris can cause an eye
- Working in awkward positions, or performing awkward manual tasks
- Lifting heavy or awkward objects
- Falls from ladders, stairs and elevated platforms
- Exposure to hand-arm vibration from power-driven hand tools
- Exposure to dust particles
- Cuts, crush, pinch during operation and/or maintenance of powered equipment
- Chemical exposure, splash
- Burns/hot surfaces
- Excessive continuous noise levels
- Exerting excessive Force
- Repetitive motions
- Use of sharp equipment

# Facilities Risk Assessment Checklist

To better mitigate risks associated with Facilities and Grounds Keeping activities, use the following checklist when assessing safety.

Risk	Yes	No	NA
<b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT</b>			
Personal protective equipment readily available			
Personal protective equipment appropriate for task			
Personal protective equipment used by staff			
<b>BODY MECHANICS AND STAFF KNOWLEDGE</b>			
Staff versed in appropriate body mechanics for task			
Ergonomic evaluation conducted for duty			
Staff use appropriate mechanics for tasks			
<b>EQUIPMENT CONDITION</b>			
Appropriate equipment available for duty			
Equipment in suitable condition for task			
Staff utilize equipment appropriately			
<b>TRAINING</b>			
Staff trained on use of equipment			
Training is appropriate for equipment			
Annual training is current for risks and cite conditions			



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