

Industrial Laundry & Dry Cleaning Safety Inspection Checklist

Site / Project	_____	Address	_____
Inspector name	_____	Company	_____
Date	_____	Time	_____

Documentation aid only. Adapt this resource to the site, manufacturer instructions, and applicable local requirements. It does not replace a competent person, professional judgment, legal advice, or a required statutory form.

Inspection checklist

Steam System Safety

☐ Are all steam valve seals inspected monthly for leaks using a calibrated ultrasonic leak detector? (Record dB levels)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are steam traps tested quarterly for proper functionality (e.g., temperature differential, visual inspection of condensate discharge)?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is insulation intact on all steam pipes and equipment to prevent contact burns? (Surface temperature < 140°F)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are pressure relief valves (PRVs) on steam boilers and pressure vessels inspected annually and tested every 3 years? (Documented inspection)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is the condensate return system free from leaks and blockages, ensuring efficient steam system operation?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is boiler water treatment program in place and followed to prevent scale buildup and corrosion? (Review chemical analysis reports)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are steam hoses inspected before each use for damage (cracks, bulges, abrasions) and properly rated for steam pressure and temperature?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are emergency shutdown valves for the steam system clearly marked and easily accessible?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

☐	Have all employees working with or near steam systems received documented training on safe operating procedures and emergency response?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are all steam pipes and equipment properly grounded to prevent static electricity buildup?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Dry Cleaning (PERC) Safety

☐	Is PERC vapor concentration monitored regularly (at least weekly) in the breathing zone using a calibrated monitoring device? (Results < 25 ppm TWA)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the dry cleaning machine fully enclosed and properly ventilated to prevent PERC vapor leaks?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are PERC machines inspected daily for leaks (seals, hoses, connections) using a halogen leak detector?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is a spill containment system (e.g., berms, absorbent materials) in place to prevent PERC spills from reaching drains or the environment?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is PERC waste (sludge, filters) properly stored, labeled, and disposed of according to hazardous waste regulations?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are employees provided with and using appropriate PPE (gloves, respirators, eye protection) when handling PERC?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Have all employees working with PERC received documented training on its hazards, safe handling procedures, and emergency response?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is a fire suppression system (e.g., CO2, FM-200) in place to protect the dry cleaning area in case of a fire?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is the dry cleaning machine maintained per manufacturer's recommendations, including regular filter changes and solvent recovery system checks?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is an emergency eyewash station readily accessible near the PERC handling area?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Laundry Operations & Ergonomics

☐	Are laundry carts equipped with brakes and are they used on inclines to prevent runaway carts?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
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☐	Are laundry carts loaded within their rated weight capacity to prevent tipping and ergonomic strain? (Post weight limits clearly)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Have employees received training on proper lifting techniques to minimize the risk of back injuries? (Documented training)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Have ergonomic assessments been conducted for workstations involving repetitive tasks (e.g., folding, sorting) to identify and mitigate risk factors?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are work surfaces adjustable to accommodate different employee heights and prevent awkward postures?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are anti-fatigue mats provided in areas where employees stand for extended periods?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are mechanical assist devices (e.g., conveyors, lift tables) used to reduce manual lifting and carrying of heavy loads?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are laundry chutes properly maintained and equipped with safety interlocks to prevent accidental falls?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are laundry areas kept clean and free from clutter to prevent slips, trips, and falls?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are chemical injection systems properly calibrated and maintained to prevent over- or under-dosing of detergents and other chemicals?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are incompatible chemicals stored separately to prevent dangerous reactions?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Fire Prevention & Electrical Safety

☐	Are dryer lint traps cleaned daily to prevent lint buildup, which is a fire hazard? (Document cleaning schedule)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Is there adequate clearance (3 feet) around electrical panels to allow for safe access and maintenance?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are extension cords used only temporarily and are they properly rated for the intended use? (No daisy-chaining)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) installed in wet locations (e.g., near washing machines) to protect against electrical shock?	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐	Are fire extinguishers inspected monthly and serviced annually by a qualified technician? (Documented inspections)	☐ Pass	☐ Fail	☐ N/A	Notes: _____

☐ Are exit routes clearly marked and free from obstructions?	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is emergency lighting functional and tested regularly to ensure adequate illumination during power outages?	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are hot work permits required for welding, cutting, or grinding activities in the laundry facility?	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Are measures in place to control static electricity buildup, especially in areas where flammable solvents are used?	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	Notes: _____
☐ Is electrical equipment inspected regularly for damage (frayed cords, loose connections) and repaired or replaced as needed?	☐ Pass ☐ Fail ☐ N/A	Notes: _____

Findings

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Signature

Inspector signature _____

Name _____

Date _____