WARNING WALLPAPER STEAMER SAFETY

Any piece of equipment can be dangerous if not operated properly. <u>YOU</u> are responsible for the safe operation of this equipment. The operator must carefully read and follow any warnings, safety signs and instructions provided with or located on the equipment. Do not remove, defeat, deface or render inoperable any of the safety devices or warnings on this equipment. <u>IF</u> any safety devices or warnings have been removed, defeated, defaced or rendered inoperable, <u>DO NOT USE THIS EQUIPMENT!!!</u>

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65warnings.ca.gov
This 120-volt equipment requires a grounded outlet, do not modify plug.

Always wear proper safety attire, eye protection, long pants, long sleeves, & rubber insulated gloves when using this machine.

CAUTION: STEAM IS HOT. NEVER DIRECT STEAM AT SOMEONE OR ATTEMPT TO CONNECT OR DISCONNECT STEAM PAN WHILE STEAMER IS PLUGGED IN. UNPLUG STEAMER AND ALLOW IT TO COOL A MINIMUM OF 15 MINUTES BEFORE SERVICING, FILLING OR TRANSPORTING. NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN OR PETS TO BE AROUND STEAMER. NEVER LEAVE STEAMER UNATTENDED WHILE IN OPERATION.

WARNING:

- Do not remove the weight cap when the steamer is in operation or hot, removal could cause eruption of steam and /or scalding hot water which could result in severe burns or other bodily damage.
- Do not connect or disconnect the hose, steam pan or remove weight cap when steamer is in operation. The hose, steam pan, & machine fittings are hot & could burn your hands. Unplug the cord & allow steamer to cool down at least 15 minutes.
- The steamer should always be placed on the floor (on a drop cloth to protect the flooring) never place on any surface that is unstable, such as stairs, or any area that could allow the steamer to tip over.
- When working around switches outlets or any other electrical devices, be sure the circuit is off by removing the fuse, or turning off the circuit breaker.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Check steamer to make sure it is empty of water, if not, empty all water.
- 2. Use a funnel to fill the steamer with clean water (hot water will speed the process) remove the weight cap & fill the tank until the water in the gauge glass is even with the word "FULL" on the water level decal. Do not overfill. *Never add anything to the steamer except clean unsoftened water*.
- 3. Secure steam hose to top of unit. Uncoil steam hose, attach steam pan and lay hose flat.
- 4. Plug steamer into 120 volt/15-amp grounded outlet. DO NOT USE AN EXTENSION CORD. Place steam pan into a clean metal bucket, to catch any condensation (water) while the steamer is heating up.
- 5. It will take about 25 minutes for the steamer to produce steam. Allow the steam to come out of the steam pan for a few minutes before starting, then drain the hot water out of the steam pan into the bucket. Machine runs about 1 ½ hours on a full tank. When water builds up in steam pan during use, drain into pail to limit steam pan dripping.
- 6. After approximately one hour of steaming, check water level gauge. If you are going to add more water you must first unplug the steamer and wait for at least 15 minutes. Then remove the weight cap & replenish water to proper level. Use CAUTION when removing weight cap from steamer that has been in use. Some HOT STEAM will escape from fill pipe. Use warm water.

NEVER POUR COLD WATER INTO HOT STEAMER!

7. Do not allow steamer to run out of water, if it does unplug it and allow approximately 15 minutes for cool down. After steamer cools down, fill it with warm water.

REMOVING WALLPAPER:

- 1. Place plastic on floor and towels along the base for protection.
- 2. Hold steam pan tight against the wall until coverage is softened, slide the pan one half width & scrape off the loosened paper using a semi-stiff scraper at least 3" wide. If paper does not come off easily, allow more time for the steam to penetrate.
- 3. If paper has a vinyl coating or painted the seal must be broken to allow the steam to penetrate. Use a perforating tool to break the seal by moving it up and down the wall. NOTE: if the walls are going to be painted instead of re-wallpapered care needs to be taken when perforating so large holes are not put into the wallboard.
- 4. It is important to keep the steam pan against the wall at all times when taking wallpaper off. Removing the steam pan from the wall wastes steam & the job will take longer to complete.
- 5. Removal of the wallpaper can be done by starting:
- At the top & sliding the pan downwards
- At the baseboard & work up from the baseboard.
- Back & forth across the wall starting at either top or bottom.

In short, there is no one way that is quicker than another, as long as you keep sliding the steam pan along, not missing any areas.

Always let steamer cool completely before draining, and returning to rental facility.

If the person receiving this handout will not be the user of the equipment, forward these instructions to the operator. **IF** there is any doubt as to the operation or safety of the equipment, **DO NOT USE!!! CALL A TOOL SHED IMMEDIATELY!!!**