

## Conservation Housekeeping Equipment List

<b>GOOD - ideal qualities</b>	<b>BAD – poor qualities</b>
<p><b>Brush</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Clean</li> <li>! Soft</li> <li>! Secure bristles</li> <li>! Wrapped ferrule</li> <li>! Labelled</li> <li>! Smooth handle</li> </ul>	<p><b>Brush</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Dirty</li> <li>! Scratchy/abrasive (plastic/wire)</li> <li>! Loose bristles</li> <li>! Unwrapped ferrule</li> <li>! Unlabelled</li> <li>! Flaking handle</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gloves</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Clean</li> <li>! Soft</li> <li>! Hypoallergenic</li> <li>! Well fitting</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gloves</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Dirty</li> <li>! Rough/abrasive/nobbles</li> <li>! Powdered</li> <li>! Poorly fitting</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Clean</li> <li>! Dry</li> <li>! Smooth</li> <li>! Jewellery free</li> <li>! Moisturiser free</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Dirty</li> <li>! Greasy</li> <li>! Rough/skin and nails</li> <li>! Bejewelled</li> <li>! Moisturiser</li> <li>! Painted nails</li> </ul>
<p><b>Person</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Clean</li> <li>! Apron/lab coat/clean and well fitting</li> <li>! Hair tied up</li> <li>! Appropriate footwear</li> </ul>	<p><b>Person</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Dirty</li> <li>! Clothing – dangling, abrasive, loose</li> <li>! Vision obscured by hair</li> <li>! High heels, slip on shoes, open toes</li> <li>! Keys/ID badges/dangling jewellery/dangling glasses</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dusters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Clean</li> <li>! Microfibre/lint free cloths</li> <li>! Only on sound surfaces AFTER removed gritty dust</li> <li>! Dye-fast</li> <li>! Well maintained</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dusters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Dirty</li> <li>! Fluffy</li> <li>! Used on rough surfaces or before removing gritty dust</li> <li>! Non dye-fast</li> <li>! Dangling threads</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Cleaners and Polish</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Chemically inert</li> <li>! Known chemical composition</li> <li>! Non silica</li> <li>! Non abrasive</li> <li>! Non greasy</li> <li>! No colourant</li> </ul> <p>i.e. Renaissance Wax Beeswax Smoke sponge Groom Stick</p>	<p><b>Cleaners and Polish</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Chemically active</li> <li>! Unknown chemical composition</li> <li>! Contains silica</li> <li>! Abrasive</li> <li>! Greasy</li> <li>! Coloured</li> </ul> <p>i.e. Cif Mr Sheen Mr Muscle Cilit Bang Brillo Pads Blu Tak</p>
<p><b>Vacuum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! Net on nozzle</li> <li>! Cushioning</li> <li>! Clean bag</li> <li>! Clean</li> <li>! HEPA filter if suspected mould</li> <li>! Controllable suction if used on objects</li> </ul>	<p><b>Vacuum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>! No net</li> <li>! No cushioning</li> <li>! No bag/full bag</li> <li>! Dirty</li> </ul>

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