J-13. ***Vacuuming using an upright, cordless vacuum cleaner; moving no furniture [uncalibrated]***

Essential task

The person is expected to vacuum a bare or carpeted floor until no visible dirt remains.

Specific criteria

1. The person is ***not*** expected to move any of the furniture, but is expected to maneuver the cordless vacuum cleaner around existing furniture to clean the floor.

2. If there is a small throw rug on the floor, the dust and loose dirt also are to be removed from the rug by shaking it or vacuuming it.

Options

1. Appropriate vacuum cleaners include any type of upright, cordless vacuum cleaner.
2. Appropriate floors to vacuum include bare or carpeted floors in a living room, dining room, bedroom, or office area.

Restoration

The person is expected to return the cordless vacuum cleaner and tools to their original storage places.

Prior to beginning the person should

Be completely familiarized with the set up of the environment, including the location of all needed tools and materials and the operation of any electrical appliances. A variety of alternative choices should be among the tools and materials stored.

Prior to beginning the occupational therapist should

1. Ascertain the cordless vacuum cleaner the person intends to use and the boundaries of the area the person intends to vacuum.
2. Ensure that the cordless vacuum cleaner is fully charged.
3. Ensure that the dirt canister or filter bag has been emptied, if needed.

Special rules

1. The use of a small, hand-held vacuum is ***not*** acceptable.
2. The use of a manual, nonchargeable carpet sweeper is ***not*** acceptable.
3. The use of an upright or canister vacuum that plugs into an electrical outlet is ***not*** acceptable.
4. If the person intends to move furniture when vacuuming, Task J-14 may be an appropriate option.

Required tools and materials

❑ Upright, cordless vacuum cleaner with a full charge
❑ Bare or carpeted floor
❑ Optional: small throw rug