

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Inhalation injury, burns,
skin irritation from
cleaning chemicals



Bacterial or viral infections
(HIV, hepatitis etc.) from
contact with bodily fluids

What PPE should the individual wear?

Wear PPE as prescribed in the Task Card for the cleaning chemicals you are using and to ensure infection control. Use sharp resistant liner gloves if the site risk assessment shows increased risk of discarded needles.

What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear
with slip-resistant soles



Clean up any
spillages immediately

Access to barrier and isolation areas

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Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

Safe System of Work

1. Access to barrier and isolation areas is only permitted by trained staff who have not been identified as vulnerable or as a risk to the patient from infection (barrier care).
2. Check the entry requirements in line with site infection-control protocols and wear the appropriate PPE prior to entering the area.
3. Check with medical personnel for any specific entry restrictions due to the patient's condition, i.e. mental health/behaviour.
4. Plan the task and assemble all equipment, chemicals, waste containers etc. needed for the task.
5. Where equipment packs are assembled by another person, for example medical staff, check that all necessary equipment is present before starting the task.
6. Erect suitable signage and barriers to prevent unauthorised access.
7. Take everything required for the task into the room and then close the door.
8. Complete the task in one session, avoiding the need to go out of and re-enter the room.
9. Any items that are to be discarded should be put into the appropriate container for disposal whilst still inside the room.
10. When finished, decontaminate, disinfect or discard all equipment, chemical containers and protective equipment as appropriate.
11. Remove the PPE according to standard doffing (removal) protocols.
12. Wash hands with soap and water following handwash guidelines.
13. Report any concerns to your line manager and report any potential breach of PPE immediately to medical staff in the areas.

If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.

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List any additional hazards or risks you have identified and control measures required to manage these.

SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)