

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Slip injuries from spillages, trip injuries caused by obstructions



Back and muscle strains from manual handling, stretching or overreaching



Inhalation injury, burns, skin irritation from cleaning chemicals



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

What PPE should the individual wear?



Wear PPE as prescribed in the Task Card for the cleaning chemical you are using. This is likely to include gloves and/or goggles.

What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear with slip resistant soles



Clean up any spillages immediately

Cleaning external waste bins

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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. Always wear gloves when handling waste bins.
2. Erect warning signage before starting and where appropriate use barriers and signage to prevent unauthorised access.
3. Follow the safety precautions in the COSHH Task Card for the chemical being used. This includes wearing PPE such as protective eyewear and gloves.
4. Check that there is no risk of run-off entering surface water drains and contaminating water systems or creating slip hazards.
5. Do not carry out the task when the temperature is low and run-off could freeze.
6. After completing the task remove gloves and wash your hands.
7. Remove all barriers and signage once the task has been completed.

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)