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| **Safety Task Card** |
| **CAT 25** |  **Walk in Chillers & Freezers**  |
| **Workplace Safety Hazards** |
| What are the hazards?Low temperatures Ice and melting iceGoods stored on floor surfacePoor lightingFalling objectsTrapping in confined spaceManual handling | How might they be harmed?Thermal discomfort from prolonged working at low temperaturesTrips, slips and fallsImpact injuriesAsphyxiationBack and muscle strain |
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| **Safe System of Work** |
| * Follow manufacturer's user instructions where these are available
* Coldrooms, walk-in chillers and freezers to be maintained by competent persons and in accordance with manufacturer's guidance where available
* Employees to work only for short periods of time in coldrooms whenever practicable.
* Where prolonged working at low temperatures is necessary, employees to be provided with suitable thermal footwear and clothing and given frequent breaks in a warm area where hot drinks can be consumed.
* Where applicable, walk-in chillers and freezers to be de-frosted at appropriate intervals to prevent the build up of ice forming on the condenser unit, the floor surface and other parts.
* Where heavy packs of frozen goods become fused together with forming ice, these should be separated before attempting to lift and carry.
* Water and ice to be cleaned up to reduce slipping hazards.
* Coldrooms, walk-in chillers and freezer doors to be fitted with a door release device accessible from inside and employees trained in its use in the event of the door being closed when they are inside.
* Where practicable, the door release device should be suitably marked by a sign or emergency lighting so that it is clearly visible. The door release device must be tested weekly to ensure its effective operation.
* Where practicable, an audible alarm should be fitted so that it can be sounded from inside the coldroom in the event of the door release device failing to operate.
* A physical check must be made to confirm there is no one inside when, for reasons of security, cold rooms are locked or padlocked at the end of the working day.
* No person who is working alone in the unit should work inside a coldroom with the door closed.
* Goods to be stored off the floor area used as the main walkway into and out of the coldroom.
* Racking to be of adequate strength and goods to be stored securely so that there is no risk of items falling.
* Adequate lighting to be provided inside coldrooms, walk-in chillers and freezers and defective bulbs or fluorescent tubes to be replaced without undue delay.
* Implement the manual handling safety precautions
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| **Site Specific Actions**List any actions required in addition to the above safe system of work |
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| The above control measures are implemented within my unit. All relevant staff are aware of these control measures and this is recorded in the training record for this safety task card. |
| Unit Manager Name | Signed | Date |
| **Safety Card Training Record** |
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| I confirm that I fully understand the risks and control measures associated with the taskand that I will follow the Safe System of Work at all times.  |
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