

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Slip injuries from slippery surfaces



Impact injuries from collision with moving vehicles



Electric shock, burns or fire from incorrect use or damaged/faulty equipment



Inhalation injury, burns, skin irritation from cleaning chemicals



Thermal discomfort as a result of extreme weather conditions



Bacterial or viral infections from contact with contaminated waste



Assault



Back and muscle strain from manual handling

What PPE should the individual wear?



Suitable clothing for the weather conditions including sunhat, or beanie and gloves

What other precautions should be taken?



Use suitable tools to pick up discarded sharps

Glutton H₂O Perfect external litter picking machine

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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

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1. Only use equipment if you have been trained and have completed a competency check, and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Refer to STCGE 18 for use of the on-board medium-pressure washer.
3. Check you have received occupational health clearance and any relevant immunisation shots – if you have any concern, discuss these with your manager prior to starting the task.
4. Operation to only be completed in daylight hours.
5. Wear reinforced toe cap safety boots to give stability to ankle, gloves, a high vis vest or jacket, clothing suitable for the weather conditions.
6. Equipment must be visibly checked before use and any concerns reported to your manager.
7. Always set the machine up with the correct waste receptacles for the relevant waste stream and ensure you carry long-handled litter pickers.
8. Never sit or ride on the machine and do not allow others to do so.
9. Equipment may only be used during daylight hours.
10. Be aware of pedestrians and moving vehicles, in particular plant machinery and heavy goods vehicles with restricted visibility.
11. Face traffic if you have to step into vehicle access routes.
12. Do not use equipment on a gradient of 25% or above. Do not use on uneven or soft ground such as grassed areas.
13. If you are required to work in isolated areas of the site, this must be risk assessed separately to ensure that adequate controls for any specific risks in the areas are implemented.
14. Radio management or helpdesk in the event of an emergency, including suspicious behaviour or threats of violence. Lock equipment and remove yourself from the threat or risk as soon as possible.
15. If you find any discarded needles or medical sharps, radio to request a sharp box to your location and use long handled litter picker or sweeper and pan to dispose of the item in the sharp box. Please report this as a Near Miss.
16. If a potential sharp is vacuumed accidentally, stop use and call for assistance. Do not attempt to manual remove the item.

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17. Ensure that any smoking waste is fully extinguished before vacuuming it.
18. Any large items of rubbish, discarded equipment, batteries or discarded waste chemicals must be reported to the help desk for safe collection.
19. Take regular breaks in a warm area and have warm drinks in cold conditions, and in a cool or shaded area and have cold drinks during hot weather.
19. Vehicle antifreeze may be required when operating in potentially freezing conditions. Your manager will provide guidance, including dosing, PPE requirements and other relevant COSHH information.
20. After use, clean equipment with a sponge and mild detergent – do not pressure wash.
21. Leave equipment to charge at a secure designated charging point.
22. Remove the key and return it to the required location.

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