

### What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Slip injuries from spillages,  
trip injuries caused by  
obstructions



Back and muscle strain  
from manual handling



Thermal discomfort  
from exposure to cold



Asphyxiation

### What other precautions should be taken?



Clean up any spillages immediately

## Walk-in chillers and freezers

### Safety Task Card STCCS 02

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. Walk in units must be kept ice free at all times, particularly floor surfaces, doors and door frames.
2. Regularly inspect walk-in units and report any damage, such as raised flooring panels, or other concerns such as, inadequate lighting or build up of ice, with your manager. Make sure you are familiar with the door release.
3. Never close the door if you are working alone.
4. Walk-in freezer door checks must be completed and recorded daily. Any issues with the door release must be reported to your manager immediately and the unit should not be used unless working with a buddy (one person guarding the door whilst the other accesses the freezer).
5. Keep the length of time you are working in chillers and freezers as short as practicable.
6. If prolonged working at low temperatures is necessary, you should be provided with suitable thermal footwear and clothing and be given frequent breaks in a warm area where hot drinks are available.
7. All food must be stored so that the main walkway into and out of the chillers and freezers is kept clear.
8. Make sure that racking is not overloaded and report any damaged racking to your manager.
9. Clean up spillages as they occur and use wet floor warning signs when appropriate.
10. If heavy items in the freezer become fused together, these should be separated before they are moved. This must be done with a suitable tool and not with a knife or scissors.
11. All chillers must be physically checked to see there is no one inside them before they are locked, for security reasons.

SCAN FOR  
SAFE SYSTEMS OF  
WORK VIDEO



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

