

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



Biological hazard from waste water



Slip trip falls due to weather, spilled water from drain, or from reaching into drain.



Litmus paper may be Slightly hazardous in case of eye contact (irritant) or ingestion.

### What PPE should the individual wear?



Slip Resistant Shoes must be worn



Disposable gloves should be worn

### What other precautions should be taken?

## Testing PH of Waste Water

Safety Task Card  
**STCGE 45**

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. You must remove (or cover with a disposable coat) your protective clothing (coat and apron) before completing this task.
2. Slip resistant must shoes be worn at all times.
3. Report any defects to the ground to the client.
4. Disposable vinyl gloves must be worn when completing the task.
5. Remove drain cover using the pull ring handle.
6. If the handle becomes damaged do not attempt to open the drain. Report to the client and do not complete the task until repaired.
7. Use the long-handled syringe to extract the water. You must not extract the water in any other way. If the long handle syringe becomes damaged, you must not complete the extraction until this is repaired or replaced.
8. Do not lean down into the drain.
9. Water from syringe should be dispensed into disposable container and the litmus strip dipped into the water for a few seconds (ensuring the majority of the strip is immersed in the water).
10. Take care to ensure the litmus paper does not get into contact with eyes (if contact is made, rinse eye with water or eye solution).
11. Do not put the litmus paper or your hands into your mouth.
12. Pour water back into drain and dispose of the disposable cup
13. Replace the drain cover and ensure it is closed correctly.
14. Gloves must be removed, and hands thoroughly washed after completion.
15. To obtain result look at the guidance legend from the litmus strip testing pack.
16. After hands are washed input the result on the Kitchtech system (do not do this before as this may contaminate the tablet with bacteria)

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

