

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Back and muscle strain from manual handling



Crush injuries, bruises, fractures and amputation caused by entrapment



Slip injuries from spillages, trip injuries from obstructions



Impact injuries from ejected objects



Cuts, puncture wounds, lacerations from contact with sharp items



Explosion or fire when unsuitable items are placed in the compactor

What PPE should the individual wear?



What other precautions should be taken?



Clean up any spillages immediately

Use of waste compactors

Safety Task Card STCGE 05

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. Make sure the operating switches are conveniently accessible.
2. Rigger gloves and reinforced toe cap safety shoes should be worn when using the compactor.
3. Only place waste items which the compactor is designed to compress into the machine. If you are in doubt, do not put it in the compactor.
4. Do not put aerosol cans or other pressurised containers in the compactor.
5. NEVER stand anywhere where you could become entangled or drawn into the compactor.
6. Take care that loose clothing and hair does not become entangled or drawn into the compactor.
7. The waste compactors must be isolated from the power supply before cleaning.
8. Never attempt to remove an obstruction. Notify your manager immediately.
9. The area around the waste compactor must be maintained in a clean and tidy condition.

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

