

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Bacterial or viral infections from contact with infected material



Impact injuries as a result of being hit by moving vehicles



Exposure to radiation



Assault



Slip injuries from wet floor surfaces



Trip injuries from uneven and sloping routes

What PPE should the individual wear?



What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear with slip-resistant soles

Transport of pathological specimens and blood via public footpaths

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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

Safe System of Work

1. Only perform this task if you have been trained to do so and have completed the Lone Worker Risk Assessment.
2. Slip-resistant shoes, a high-vis vest or jacket and appropriate thermal clothing (depending on weather conditions) must be worn.
3. You must carry a radio.
4. This task should only be carried out during daylight.
5. Any requests for after-hours transport must be reviewed and appropriate safety measures, including radio checks, timed calls and buddy systems, implemented.
6. Pathological specimens must be clearly labelled by client staff and contained in specimen containers appropriate for the contents, in a sealed liner bag and an outer bag.
7. Always check containers visually to ensure they are sealed. Report any concerns to client staff and do not transport these specimens or blood.
8. Specimens and blood must be transported using designated secure specimen transport carriers.
9. Transport specimens and blood promptly to the required destination.
10. Always use marked crossing places and follow relevant controls.
11. If you are confronted by a member of the public, remove yourself from the situation as quickly as possible, and call for assistance or police involvement.
12. Notify client staff of any leaks that have occurred during transport.
13. Thoroughly clean and disinfect the carrier if there has been any leakage.
14. Thoroughly wash your hands once the task is completed.

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

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List any additional hazards or risks you have identified and control measures required to manage these.

SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)