

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Slip injuries from wet floors, trip injuries caused by trailing cables



Back and muscle strains from manual handling



Electric shock as a result of contact with faulty equipment



Cuts or lacerations from sharps



Inhalation injury, burns, skin irritation and sensitisation from cleaning chemicals



Bacterial or viral infections (HIV, hepatitis etc.) from contact with bodily fluids



Fire as a result of build-up of lint and dust

What PPE should the individual wear?



What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear with slip-resistant soles



Clean up any spillages immediately

General laundry duties

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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. Clean and dirty laundry must be kept separately to prevent cross-contamination.
2. Always wear appropriate PPE, including disposable aprons and gloves, when handling potentially contaminated laundry.
3. Be careful when handling dirty laundry, as sharp items, including needles and scalpel blades, may be present.
4. Refer to SCTGE 15 for dealing with medical sharps.
5. All filters, air vents and dead spaces must be regularly cleaned of dust and lint.
6. Do not allow laundry to accumulate in walkways and fire exits.
7. Use trolleys or roll cages to transport laundry bags and avoid manual handling.
8. Keep the floor clear and make sure there are no trailing cables from electrical equipment, as these are a trip hazard.
9. Keep floor surfaces dry and clean up spillages as they occur.

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)