

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



Discomfort or ill health from inhalation of cigarette smoke



Fire caused by smouldering smokers' waste



Burns/scalds from exposure to items



Back and muscle strains from manual handling



Slip injuries from spillages



Harm to aquatic life from contaminated water ways

### What PPE should the individual wear?



Consider wearing dust masks where appropriate. Wear PPE as prescribed in the Task Card for the cleaning chemical you are using. This may include gloves and/or goggles.

### What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear with non-slip soles



Clean up any spillages immediately

## Cleaning smokers' areas and handling smokers' waste

## Safety Task Card STCCL 33

### Safe System of Work

1. Follow the controls of **STCGE 04 Disposal of general waste**.
2. Appropriate PPE, gloves, slip-resistant shoes and, if working in inclement weather, suitable clothing must be worn.
3. Avoid cleaning smoker's areas and emptying ashtrays when they are in use. A dust mask should be worn where appropriate.
4. Smoking waste such as cigarette stubs and ashtray contents should be placed into a metal container and not emptied into waste sacks until the next day. Alternatively, douse the smoking waste to make sure there is no risk of any smouldering smoking waste igniting other materials.
5. Be aware that surfaces and waste may be hot.
6. Cigarette butts non-recyclable waste and should be disposed of in designated general waste bins.
7. Never flush cigarette butts down the drain, as they can contaminate waterways and harm aquatic life.
8. Ensure ashtrays are emptied regularly to prevent build-up of waste.
9. Ashtrays and similar must be washed in cleaners sinks and away from any food areas.
10. Ensure that any sinks used are thoroughly cleaned after use.
11. After cleaning smoker's areas, ashtrays etc. remove gloves and wash your hands thoroughly.
12. Clean up any spillages immediately and use wet floor signs where appropriate.

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

