

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Trip injuries caused by obstructions



Back and muscle strain 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

What PPE should the individual wear?



What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear with slip-resistant soles

Washing machines

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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. Follow the safety precautions in the COSHH Task Card for the chemical being used.
4. Be careful when handling dirty laundry, as sharp items, including needles and scalpel blades, may be present.
5. Refer to SCTGE 15 for dealing with medical sharps.
6. Use trolleys or roll cages to transport laundry bags and avoid manual handling.
7. 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)