

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Bacterial infections including psittacosis and salmonella contained in bird droppings



Slip injuries caused by wet floors

What PPE should the individual wear?



Cleaning bird droppings

Safety Task Card
STCCL 28

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. Eliminate or limit contact with bird droppings where possible.
2. If you have a weakened immune system, you should not carry out tasks involving bird droppings.
3. In areas where bird dropping contamination is considerable, or where contamination requires work at height or in confined spaces, you must consult with your Health and Safety Manager or Sector Lead, who will provide additional guidance.
4. Erect warning signage before starting and where appropriate use barriers or signage to prevent unauthorised access. Additional signage is required around stairs.
5. You must wear appropriate PPE, including water-proof footwear, overalls and gloves.
6. If there is risk of dust or aerosols being generated, you must wear RPE. Use RPE with a protection factor of 20 (e.g. FF3 disposable mask or half mask with P3 filter).
7. Pay particular attention to following good basic hygiene including regular handwashing and avoiding hand to mouth/eye contact.
8. Do not eat, drink, smoke or vape whilst completing this task.
9. Wet-down the work area to prevent airborne dust and bacteria.
10. Do not use pressure washers as this creates contaminated airborne droplets.
11. Place droppings and any contaminated items in plastic bin bag and dispose of in the appropriate waste stream.
12. Remove PPE and thoroughly wash hands after completing the task.
13. Disposable PPE should be discarded, and reusable items laundered or cleaned as appropriate.

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

