

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Bacterial or viral infections
from contact
Infected material



Exposure to radiation



Slip injuries from wet
floor surfaces



Trip injuries from uneven
and sloping routes

What other precautions should be taken?



Wear appropriate footwear
with slip-resistant soles

Transport of pathological specimens and blood within units

Safety Task Card
STCPS 05

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.
2. 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.
3. Always check containers visually to ensure they are sealed. Report any concerns to client staff and do not transport these specimens or blood.
4. Specimens and blood must be transported using designated secure specimen transport carriers.
5. Transport specimens and blood promptly to the required destination.
6. Follow correct client protocols for transport of blood to ensure the correct blood type is delivered.
7. Notify client staff of any leaks that have occurred during transport.
8. Thoroughly clean and disinfect the carrier if there has been any leakage.
9. Thoroughly wash your hands once the task is completed.

NOTE: Movement of specimens that are radioactive must be covered by site RPA and, if transported by road, under ADR. Separate risk assessment must be followed and guidance from HSE is required prior to completing movement.

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)