

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



Back and muscle strain  
from manual handling



Crush injuries, bruises,  
fractures and amputation  
caused by entrapment



Slip injuries from spillages,  
trip injuries from obstructions



Cuts, puncture wounds,  
lacerations from contact  
with sharp items



Explosion or fire where inappropriate  
items are placed in the baler

### What PPE should the individual wear?



### What other precautions should be taken?



You must be 18 years of age or above

## Cardboard balers

### Safety Task Card STCGE 25

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. You must be 18 years of age or over and trained to use the cardboard baler.
2. Make sure the operating switches are conveniently accessible.
3. Approved gloves, high-vis vests and reinforced toe cap safety shoes should be worn when breaking down boxes and using the baler.
4. Only place into the machine waste items which the baler is designed to compress. If you are in doubt, do not put it in the baler.
5. Do not put aerosol cans or other pressurised containers in the baler.
6. NEVER stand anywhere where you could become entangled or drawn into the baler.
7. Take care that loose clothing, lanyards and hair do not become entangled or drawn into the baler.
8. The cardboard baler must be isolated from the power supply before cleaning.
9. The area around the cardboard baler must be maintained in a clean and tidy condition.
10. When not in operation the baler must be isolated and the keys removed.
11. Baling cables should be stored in a tube to prevent trip hazards.

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

## Cardboard balers continued

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List any additional hazards or risks you have identified and control measures required to manage these.

SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)