

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Abrasions, crush injuries or amputation as a result of entanglement



Back and muscle strain from manual handling



Electrocutation as a result of incorrect use



Slips as a result of spillages

What PPE should the individual wear?



What other precautions should be taken?



Clean up any spillages immediately

Food waste composting machines

Safety Task Card
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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. Only use the equipment if you have been trained to do so and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
2. You must wear appropriate PPE, including reinforced toe-capped safety shoes and protective gloves when using equipment.
3. Make sure you are familiar with the location and function of the operating switches, including the emergency switch.
4. Check the guard and door are in place and do not operate if these are missing or faulty.
5. Keep clothing, lanyards etc away from moving parts so they cannot become entangled and drawn into equipment.
6. Keep hands away from moving parts.
7. Ensure that waste contains only compostable items and do not exceed the daily maximum capacity.
8. Use correct manual handling practices when decanting waste.
9. Clean up any spillages as they occur and use wet floor warning signs when appropriate.
10. Before dusting the electrical board, the machine must be shut off and disconnected from the power supply.
11. When cleaning the exterior, do not spray equipment with water, but wipe down with a damp cloth.
12. Depending on the location of equipment lone working and associated risks may need to be considered.

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

