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| **Safety Task Card** | | | | |
| **POR 08a** | **Transport of Pathological specimens & blood via public footpaths** | | | |
| **Workplace Safety Hazards** | | | | |
| What are the hazards? | | | How might they be harmed? | |
| Contact with infected material  Contact with cleaning products  Risk of radiation (check samples being moved)  Striking people, stationary objects and structures  Uneven and sloping routes  Wet floor surfaces  Violent reactions from other people  Road traffic accidents | | | Effects on the reproductive system and unborn babies  Cancer  Bruises and cuts  Infections  Irritation to skin  Slips, trips and falls  Bruising  Violence and assault  Impact injuries  Fractures | |
| **Safe System of Work** | | | | |
| * Trained staff only to transport pathological specimens or blood. This to include any Client procedure to ensure that the correct sample is labelled and secured from point of origin to delivery point. * Pathological specimens to be contained within sealed bag inside a liner and outer bag and specimen containers appropriate for the contents. * Appropriately and clearly labelled by Client staff. * Any container to be visually checked sealed and safe to move. Any concerns must be reported to the Client staff and not transported. * Specimens to be transported using designated secure specimen transport carriers. * Pathological specimens and blood to be transported promptly to their destination * Client staff at the destination to be warned if pathological specimens or blood leaks into the transporting bag/container. The container should then be cleaned and disinfected. * Implement COSHH procedures in accordance with the Health and Safety Manual when handling cleaning products. * All operators must wear suitable PPE including hi visibility jacket/vest (dependent on weather conditions) slip resistant footwear and thermal clothing ( dependent on weather) * Operators to be trained to use marked crossing places and follow the controls. * All operators to carry a radio/communication to be used in event of emergency – lone worker RA to be completed with all operators and any concerns addressed. * Route to be checked for any areas to include isolated areas, lighting to ensure safe transportation. All movements to be completed in day light hours. * Any out of hours requests to be reviewed and safety considerations implemented: 2 porters/ radio checks and timed calls. * Any confrontation by other members of the public to remove themselves as quickly as possible from situation and call in for assistance/ police involvement. * Implement the Safe System of Work/Control Measures in the Spillage of Bodily Fluids Risk Assessment, Ref. MAN 18 and POR 07 Radiation | | | | |
| **Site Specific Actions**  List any actions required in addition to the above safe system of work | | | | |
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| The above control measures are implemented within my unit. All relevant staff are aware of these control measures and this is recorded in the training record for this safety task card. | | | | |
| Unit Manager Name | | Signed | | Date |

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| **Safety Card Training Record** | | | |
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| I confirm that I fully understand the risks and control measures associated with the task  and that I will follow the Safe System of Work at all times. | | | |
| Operative Name | | Signature | Date |
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