


Safe Work Instruction	Issue date: 09/07/10
Cleaning Up Biological Hazards	Review date: 04/05/13

Document no. SMS-06-SW-0787	Work description Cleaning up biological hazards		
	Scope Cleaning up vomit/bodily fluids and other faeces at RailCorp facilities		
Review date 04/05/13	References <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMS-06-GD-0001 Guide to Manual Handling • Applicable Material Safety Data Sheets • OHS Regulation 2001 chapter 6 Hazardous Substances • OHS Regulation 2001 clause 9 Employer to identify hazards • OHS Regulation 2001 clause 10 Employer to assess risks • OHS Regulation 2001 clause 11 Employer to eliminate or Control Risk • WorkCover Code of practice: Control of Workplace Hazardous Substances • WorkCover Code of practice: Storage of Enzymatic Detergent Powders and Liquids • Manual Handling Risk Assessment – Cleaning up biological hazards 1 August 2007 		
Responsible supervisor	PPE and precautions	Competencies or qualifications	Licences or permits required
Line Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubber gloves • Safety glasses • Face mask (optional) • Long sleeved shirt and pants or overalls 	N/A	N/A
Tools and equipment required			
Broom and scoop, vomit pack, cleaning solution, wipes, toilet scrubber, bucket and mop			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If control measures are not suitable and major changes are needed, conduct a risk assessment and develop new controls according to SMS-06-PR-0104 WORKPLACE RISK MANAGEMENT. 			



Warning

Be aware of the biological hazards at all times. Make sure all PPE is in satisfactory condition and worn correctly.

Preparing work area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• collect cleaning tools/equipment and products from storage room• where necessary isolate the area using barricades• visual check of area for sharps/rubbish• remove rubbish• dispose of any sharps as per the Handling Sharps SWI• place SLIPPERY WHEN WET signs in work area.		
Cleaning up Biological hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tear open the No problem Vomit Clean Up sachet and sprinkle contents over the biological hazard• Make sure you apply the product directly onto the hazard, particularly when windy to avoid contents being spread away from the hazard• leave material for a few minutes to soak up the fluid and mask the odour<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sweep up the biological hazard and any other remaining residue• check that the SLIPPERY WHEN WET sign is in position before mopping area• prepare mop bucket with water and cleaning solution• mop the area• leave SLIPPERY WHEN WET sign in place until the surface is dry• dispose of waste in appropriate bin.		
		Note <i>Follow hygienic practices:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• wash hands after cleaning up biological hazards• do not eat or drink while cleaning up biological hazards	
Packing up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• mop up any excess water residue• remove any waste• remove signage once the area is dry.		