

# Cleaning Up Biological Hazards

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



## Warning

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

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