

Safe Instruction Manual – Level One

Disposal of Contaminated Wastes

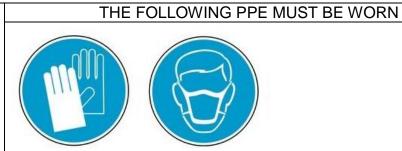
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Warnings

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and signage



## **Procedure**

STEP	ACTION		
1	SAFETY RULES		
	<ul> <li>Protective clothing (gloves and mask) must be worn while handling contaminated waste</li> <li>Hold bags away from body when carrying</li> <li>Use a trolley or manual handling aid when possible to transport bags</li> <li>Wash hands after handling contaminated waste</li> </ul>		
2	This Process is about the disposal of waste such as contaminated blood and body fluid, soiled dressings, swabs, pads, urinary catheters and bags, syringes, sputum bottle, gloves, sub cut tubing and the like.		
3	Contaminated waste <b>must</b> be placed directly into bags marked for 'contaminated waste' immediately after use. Use the labelled biohazard bags only.		
4	Bags should never be more than two thirds full and be securely sealed at the top using either a tear off tag or tape.		
5	Remove bags to the designated waste areas. If carrying manually, carry one bag at a time. When using a trolley or other wheeled aid, do not overfill the container.		
6	HAZARDS		
	Cutting hazard	Do not under any circumstances push down with hands to compact the load.	
		Do not put any sharps into contaminated bags.	
	Skin contact hazard	To ensure your skin does not come into contact with contaminants use sufficient protective clothing such as aprons, glasses or gloves	
	Airborne hazard	When bagging or carrying contaminated material, protect yourself from airborne infection by wearing a mask	

## **Emergency Actions**

	ACTIONS		
1	Spill kit	Clean up all spills. Use spill kit where provided.	