





Disposal of Contaminated Wastes

Warnings

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and signage	THE FOLLOWING PPE MUST BE WORN
	 

Procedure

STEP	ACTION	
1	SAFETY RULES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protective clothing (gloves and mask) must be worn while handling contaminated waste Hold bags away from body when carrying Use a trolley or manual handling aid when possible to transport bags Wash hands after handling contaminated waste 	
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 must 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.

Please report any incidents. If any problems occur please see your supervisor.