

Swansea University

Waste Management Guidance Note **WMGN for First Aid:**



Disposal of used precautionary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and wastes associated with First Aid incidents

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Location Generated	All locations
EWC	<p>18 01 03* Infectious wastes of which collection and disposal is subject to special requirements in order to prevent infection</p>
Disposal Method	Segregated for incineration
Bin/ Bag Type	Orange clinical infectious waste bag
<p>Duty of Care Requirements</p> <p>The University is legally required to comply with Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and/or The Waste (England & Wales) Regulations 2011. Duty of Care applies to anyone who imports, produces, carries, keeps, treats, disposes of, or are a dealer or broker that has control of, controlled waste.</p> <p>It is a legal requirement to ensure all wastes are correctly classified. Incorrectly disposing of hazardous waste via a non-hazardous waste stream can lead to legal and financial penalties dependent upon the severity of the noncompliance. All hazardous infectious wastes must be segregated for correct disposal. The University has an appointed hazardous healthcare/clinical waste contractor that supplies a collection service to both Singleton and Bay Campuses.</p> <p>All wastes must be assigned the correct European Waste Code (EWC) by the University's Waste and Recycling Officer to ensure the correct disposal route is identified for the waste.</p> <p>During a First Aid incident a range of wastes are produced which must correctly be disposed of. This guidance note must be followed to ensure safe, and compliant disposal of these wastes.</p> <p>All wastes generated during a First Aid incident are classified as <u>clinical infectious</u>.</p> <p>For further Health and Safety guidance on wearing PPE whilst administering First Aid refer to the Health and Safety staff intranet web pages, and Information Sheet Covid-19 Guidance for First Aiders.</p>	
<p>Items for disposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gloves - Masks - Sanitiser wipes - Cleaning materials - Disposable plastic apron - Disposable eye protection - Wound dressings - Bandages - Wipes 	<p>Potentially contaminated with;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whole blood - Plasma and serum - Bile - Mucus - Saliva - Urine - Other bodily fluids and solids

Disposal

Each First Aid **'Grab Bag'** will contain an orange bag. All wastes listed above generated during the incident **must** be disposed of into the orange bag and securely sealed ready for disposal.



External Disposal

Once all waste items have safely been disposed of into the orange bag, and the bag has been secured, please contact estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk to arrange disposal and access to the nearest clinical infectious disposal point.

Disposal Cost

The disposal cost is factored into the University's waste management service provision; therefore there is no direct cost to individuals/Colleges/PSUs.

For further guidance please contact estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk