



## HSE: Waste Disposal Alert

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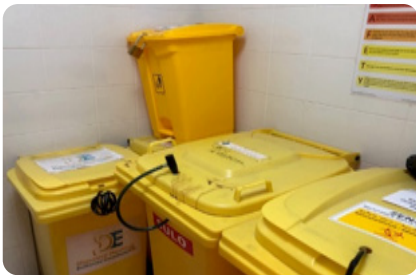
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## Biological waste observations:

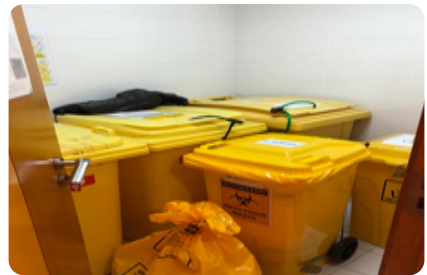
- Stockpiling of waste.
- Improper storage of waste bins blocking the room.
- Loading biological waste bins - on top of one another.
- Blocking entry to waste rooms.
- Obstructing egress to / from waste room.
- Biological waste bags left unsecured.
- Use of incorrect clinical waste bin size.
- Unauthorised personnel accessing the waste room.
- Unlocked waste rooms.



Incorrect disposal of clinical waste in the wrong waste stream.



Biological bins incorrectly stored and stacked.



Biological waste placed on the ground, obstructing access to waste room.

## Non-clinical waste observations:



Electronic waste dumped inside the waste room, presenting fire, slip, trip or fall hazard.



Cigarette butts discarded into non-approved general, recycling waste bins.

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## Waste disposal guidelines:

- Segregate waste correctly.
- Dispose general waste correctly.
- Use appropriate bag sizes.
- Do not stockpile waste.

DHCC business partners are responsible for the implementation of appropriate / necessary fire prevention measures, including housekeeping within work areas to prevent the outbreak of fires or explosions that could result in loss of lives and property.

- Inappropriately discarded waste material can generate a fire risk.
- Stockpiling of chemicals may pose a significant fire / toxicity risk.
- Discarded waste can obstruct passageways.
- Discarded waste can restrict access to fire protection equipment such as fire extinguishers.
- Building fire protection systems such as sprinklers are designed in accordance with the building regulations and hence should not be obstructed.

## Call to action:

- Print this alert.
- Involve members of all teams to improve waste handling.
- Discuss observations with all cleaners each unit.
- Ensure compliance with the DHCR HSE 2018 Waste Guidelines.

## DHCR HSE

The Health, Environment and Safety (HSE) Department at Dubai Healthcare City Authority Regulatory (DHCR) plays a vital role in promoting the health and safety of all members of the Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC) Community.

The HSE Department works closely with DHCC's clinical and non-clinical business partners to take proactive measures to prevent the occurrence of avoidable emergencies and incidents, and to maintain the highest safety standards, protecting employees, property and the environment.

The department, in its capacity as the free zone's oversight advisor, provides both regulatory as well as advisory services, facilitating a sustainable environment that fosters health, safety and wellbeing without compromising growth and development.

The HSE Department would like to advise the DHCC Community that business partners, regardless of the size, activity, occupancy or hazards of their areas of operations, have a legal duty to know and familiarize themselves with the DHCR HSE 2018 Waste Guidelines.

A violation of DHCC's Code of Practice may result in disciplinary action.



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References:

- DHCR HSE 2018 Waste Guidelines
- Dubai Municipality Code of Practice on the Management of Medical Wastes from Hospital, Clinics and Related Health Care Premises in Dubai Regulatory