

Checklist: Handle and Dispose of Hazardous Waste

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1. Carry out initial procedure actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Knock before entering if applicable. – Introduce yourself. – Explain the procedure if a resident is present. – Provide privacy as needed. – Perform hand hygiene. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Assemble equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Disposable gloves. – Gown, mask, or eye protection if indicated. – Biohazard waste container or red biohazard bag. – Sharps container if needed. – Leak-proof waste container. – Disinfectant supplies if required. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Identify the hazardous or contaminated waste: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Blood-contaminated materials. – Body fluid-contaminated items. – Soiled dressings. – Disposable PPE. – Sharps. – Infectious materials. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Apply appropriate PPE according to Standard or Transmission-Based Precautions and facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Separate hazardous waste from regular trash at the point of disposal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Dispose of contaminated non-sharp items into a properly labeled biohazard container or red biohazard bag: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Do not overfill bags. – Avoid compressing waste with your hands. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Dispose of sharps immediately into an approved puncture-resistant sharps container: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Do not recap needles. – Do not bend or break sharps. – Never place sharps in regular trash. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Keep biohazard containers closed except when actively adding waste.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. If the outside of the container becomes contaminated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Double-bag or replace the container according to facility policy. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Transport hazardous waste carefully: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Use leak-proof secondary containment if required. – Avoid carrying contaminated waste against clothing or uniform. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Remove PPE in proper order to prevent self-contamination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Dispose of PPE in appropriate waste containers according to facility policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Perform hand hygiene immediately after glove and PPE removal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Spills – Sharps injuries – Exposure incidents – Overflowing containers 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

– Improperly disposed of hazardous waste to the nurse or supervisor immediately.		
16. Carry out ending procedure actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Ensure the room/environment is clean and safe.– Replace waste containers if needed.– Document incident or exposure according to facility policy if required.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>