

Toolbox Talk

73. Waste



What?

- Waste is any substance or object which the producer or owner intends to discard, and includes wastes intended for recycling or recovery. Waste is directly linked to human development and the growth in extracting materials for consumption. The composition of different wastes have varied over time depending on industrial development and the latest innovations and waste streams reflect the way we live. Some waste is from sustainable sources where others are not and therefore it is essential to manage waste properly in order to make the best use of the resources available

Why?

- If we don't manage waste properly things we take for granted will eventually no longer exist so it is in everyone's interest to conserve what we can
- Reduce waste where possible and recycle waste at suitable recycling facilities
- All waste should be stored and disposed of responsibly and only handled or dealt with by companies licensed to deal with it
- Waste generated on all sites must be classified as Hazardous or Non-Hazardous (General/Controlled) waste and managed accordingly
- A waste file should be set up to include as a minimum - signed copies of transfer notes, (general/controlled waste/non hazardous) and consignment notes (hazardous waste) applicable to the site



Do

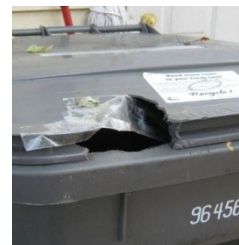


- Keep waste to a minimum
- Recycle or reuse where possible
- Segregate waste into the correct categories
- Cover waste to keep it safely in it's containers
- Pick up waste you see lying around
- Check that those collecting waste are registered
- Make sure the proper forms are completed when waste leaves site (e.g. transfer / consignment notes)
- Wear suitable PPE when handling waste
- Wash your hands after handling waste

Don't



- Drink or eat with dirty hands
- Attempt to move heavy loads - get help
- Damage containers or put waste in the wrong container
- Mix waste products
- Allow a build up of waste to occur in any area



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