

Tattooing and body piercing guidance

PART B – Appendix 07

Principles for good waste handling

GOOD WASTE HANDLING PRINCIPLES:

- Waste should be segregated at the point of origin.
- Bags/bins should only be filled to $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
- Waste bags should be used in foot operated pedal bins.
- Waste bags should be sealed securely and marked with 'point of origin' label prior to disposal.
- Waste should be collected on a regular basis by a licensed waste management contractor.
- Personal protective clothing should be worn when handling waste.
- Waste should be correctly bagged in appropriate colour-coded bags which must be UN-approved and comply with BS EN ISO 7765:2004 and BS EN ISO 6383:2004.
- Waste should be double bagged where the exterior of the bag is contaminated or the original bag is split, damaged or leaking.
- Waste should be kept in a rigid-sided, fire retardant holder or container with a foot operated lid, and, so far as is reasonably practicable, out of the reach of children and unauthorised personnel.
- Waste should be stored in a labelled, lockable/secure, vermin-proof storage space for collection, on a well-drained, impervious hard standing floor, which is provided with wash-down facilities.
- Bags should be securely sealed and labelled with coded tags at the point of use to identify their source.
- Waste should not be decanted into other bags, regardless of volume; be contaminated on the outside or re-used.
- 'Sharps' must be disposed of into approved sharps containers that meet BS 7320/UN 3291.
- 'Sharps' containers should **NEVER** be placed into any waste bag.