



Method Statements for Disposing of Contaminated Objects.

1. Proper Disposal

- Minimise contact, i.e. handle materials as little as possible and transfer them via routes that minimise exposure to others.
- Discard materials into a suitable container or bag. Wrap furniture with plastic wrapping.
- Use bags that are marked or coloured for infectious waste. This includes orange or yellow bags (or signs), and text or symbols indicating the bag contains hazardous waste for treatment or incineration.
- Transfer non-disposable infectious materials safely to the sterilisation department for decontamination. You must adhere to the local policy for cleaning the equipment.
- Always use puncture-resistant containers for sharps, as they will not leak.
- Use pierce-proof waste containers and close them in between use for safety.
- Never fill a bag or container more than $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
- Never over fill waste receptacles.
- Remove waste in accordance with local clinical waste disposal policy; it may be collected by the relevant authorities, removed by an infection control team, or incinerated.