

Toolbox Talk - Environment

Waste Management



DID YOU KNOW?

Allowing waste to escape into the environment not only causes nuisance to neighbours and generates a poor public image, it is illegal.

Untidy, polluted sites are unsafe sites.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Avoid prosecution: it is the duty of all waste producers to prevent their waste escaping from site and into the surrounding environment (i.e. windblown litter).

- Keep your site clean & tidy – remove all waste from work areas at the end of the day
- Ensure you are aware of the waste management requirements on site i.e. waste segregation.
- Use the skips / containers provided to segregate and store waste securely.
- Ensure skips are covered when there are high winds to prevent dust and litter blowing out.
- Segregate waste to avoid cross contamination of materials e.g. hazardous from non-hazardous.

Anyone found guilty of an offence in respect of Waste Duty of Care can face an unlimited fine upon conviction.

DO'S & DON'TS

- ✓ Keep sites tidy and collect waste regularly
- ✓ Segregate waste and place in correct (signed) skips
- ✓ Use waste containers or skips suitable for the type of waste being stored e.g. covered bins for hazardous waste
- ✓ Use skips with lids or cover them with sheets or nets to prevent dust and litter being blown out
- ✓ Check that containers and skips are not corroded or worn out to minimise the risk of accidental spillages or leaks
- ✓ Locate skips away from watercourses, gullies and drains
- ✗ Mix hazardous with non-hazardous waste
- ✗ Burn or bury waste on-site
- ✗ Throw materials into the wrong container / skip
- ✗ Overfill skips – report this to site management



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