

What are the hazards and how might they harm?



Back and muscle strain from manual handling



Impact injuries from entrapment in lid mechanism



Cuts or puncture wounds or cuts from sharps



Slip injuries from wet or uneven surfaces



Bacterial or viral infections from contact with infected material



Impact injuries as a result of hitting people or stationary objects

What PPE should the individual wear?



What other precautions should be taken?



Clean up any spillages immediately

Loading and moving bulk waste bins (660l, 770l and 1100l)

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Unit Managers – use page overleaf to list any hazards and control measures specific to your site which are not listed below

Safe System of Work

1. When loading a bin it must be easily accessible, so that there is no need to lean over other bins or objects.
2. Check the brakes are fully engaged.
3. Open the lid fully and fold it behind the bin, or open with one arm while using the other arm to load.
4. Check that there is sufficient room in the bin.
5. Assess the weight of each bag and visually check for any protruding objects or leakage before lifting. Request assistance if heavy.
6. Do not place any bags with protruding waste or with leaks in the bin. These must be isolated for safe disposal – contact your supervisor for guidance.
7. Needles and other medical sharps should be removed from the waste sack by client medical staff.
8. Do not overload the bin and do not press down on bags to make more room.
9. Close the lid, keeping hands clear.
10. Do not transport any waste on top of the bin.
11. Release brakes and push the bin, making sure that you can clearly see the route and avoiding collision with people or objects.
12. Before leaving the area, check for any leakages from the bin.
13. If there is a leak, stop to organise a clean-up and clean up any potential leakage during transport.
14. Wherever possible, avoid routes that involve public, patient or visitor access.

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If you have any concerns, stop and speak with your line manager before proceeding.

List any additional hazards or risks you have identified and control measures required to manage these.

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Safe System of Work continued

15. If bins are stored outside and become wet, ensure that these are dried off before they are brought into any building to avoid water dripping onto flooring which may cause a slip or fall.
16. Report any damage to the bin, such as faulty wheels, to the bin provider or responsible person. Segregate and remove it from use and label as faulty in readiness for collection.
17. Clinical bulk bins that contain waste must be locked at all times and stored separately to empty bins.
18. Full clinical bulk bins must be tagged with site identification coded tags before removal from site.
19. Empty bins must be secure to prevent unauthorised access.

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