



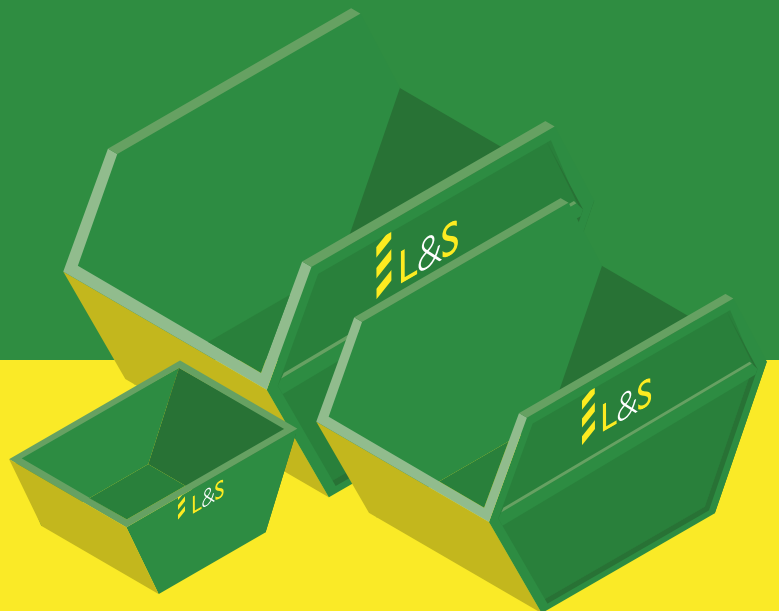
WASTE MANAGEMENT

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A SIMPLE GUIDE TO DUTY OF CARE

FOR YOUR WASTE



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OVER 1/3 OF CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THEY COMPLETE OR KEEP ESSENTIAL WASTE TRANSFER NOTES

ALMOST HALF OF CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES DON'T KNOW WHERE THEIR WASTE GOES!

98% OF CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES THINK THEY ARE COMPLIANT WITH OBLIGATIONS UNDER WASTE 'DUTY OF CARE' LAW

HOWEVER MANY ARE LEAVING THEMSELVES OPEN TO **UNLIMITED FINES, PROSECUTION AND POTENTIAL CLOSURE** DUE TO LACK OF AWARENESS

WHAT IS MY DUTY OF CARE?
By law, since 1990, it has been a responsibility of 'any commercial activity' - whether run from home or its own premises - to manage the waste it produces safely and responsibly.

WHAT IS WASTE?
Any material or item which you, or your business, have no further use for and wish to be removed. It might be capable of repair or re-use but you are discarding it.

ARE YOU COMPLIANT?

This guide will help you with your duty of care

 **46%**

OF UK SME CONSTRUCTION BUSINESSES DON'T KNOW WHERE THEIR WASTE GOES WHEN IT LEAVES SITE

 **94%**

OF NON-COMPLIANT BUSINESSES ARE SMES (UNDER 250 STAFF)

90% OF NON-COMPLIANT BUSINESSES, WHEN INFORMED ABOUT DUTY OF CARE, ASPIRE TO COMPLY



HAZARDOUS WASTE
eg batteries, acid and oils

PRODUCTION WASTE
eg off-cuts, shavings



CONSTRUCTION WASTE
eg plasterboard, wood, plastic

ELECTRICAL WASTE
eg computer monitors, other electrical goods



WHO DOES DUTY OF CARE APPLY TO

It applies to everyone who produces or manages waste



Waste Transfer Note
store for two years

Consignment Note
store for three years



Can be same or different company



PRODUCER



REGISTERED WASTE CARRIER



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WHEN DOES DUTY OF CARE APPLY?

Your duty of care starts from the moment you produce the waste. It continues even when you give it to a licensed waste business to deal with, until it is recovered or disposed of.

You're still responsible to check how that business deals with your waste.

If you suspect your waste carrier is not following the duty of care law you should report it.

Call the Environment Agency hotline - 0800 80 70 60



WHAT MUST I KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WITH MY WASTE?



WHERE IT'S GONE

licensed landfill, energy from waste and recycling centres



HOW IT'S COLLECTED, TRANSPORTED, TREATED

is my carrier registered?



IS ALL THE PAPERWORK COMPLETE?

Waste Transfer Note and Consignment Note

HOW DO I STORE IT BEFORE COLLECTION?



ENSURE

IT'S STORED AND LABELLED PROPERLY SO NOTHING CAN ESCAPE SUCH AS LITTER, LIQUIDS OR ODOUR



PREVENT ACCESS

TO IT BY OTHERS, eg IN A LOCKED BIN OR SECURED COMPOUND



IN SPECIALISED CONTAINERS

IF REQUIRED eg HYGIENE WASTE, LIQUID WASTE OR HAZARDOUS WASTE



IF IN DOUBT

ASK YOUR WASTE CONTRACTOR FIRST, THEN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY OFFICE OR LOCAL AUTHORITY

11%

FELT THAT ISSUES WITH DISPOSING OF SPECIFIC MATERIALS WAS A BARRIER TO COMPLIANCE

17%

FELT THAT COST WAS A BARRIER TO COMPLIANCE



WHICH WASTES NEED TO BE KEPT APART?

HOW SHOULD I MOVE MY WASTE?

Your waste carrier or waste contractor will arrange the movement of your waste. If you intend to move it yourself you will need to be registered as a waste carrier. Each waste stream will have its own requirement for transport and will need to be addressed separately.

Hazardous or hygiene / healthcare wastes will have to be compliant with the Carriage of Dangerous Goods.

ASBESTOS ROOF SHEETS



ELECTRONIC WASTE

Like phones, computers, TV's, sound systems, fridges



HAZARDOUS WASTE

Like batteries, acid, oils, some light bulbs



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