

## No 9 STORAGE OF WASTE


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

**WHY?**

- ❑ **Avoid prosecution:** It is the duty of all waste producers to prevent their waste escaping into the environment.
- ❑ **Reduce costs:** The segregation of waste into separate containers or skips can lead to lower costs by
  - reducing disposal costs and landfill tax payments through preventing the contamination of inactive wastes by active wastes
  - maximising the potential for reusing and recycling materials
  - making it easier to see how much of each type of waste is being produced and hence where efforts to reduce waste need to be targeted


**DO**

- ✓ Keep sites tidy and collect up any waste regularly
- ✓ Use waste containers or skips suitable for the type of waste being stored
- ✓ 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 minimize the risk of accidental spillages or leaks
- ✓ Mark waste containers clearly with their intended contents and ensure labels on containers are kept in good order
- ✓ Segregate waste before putting it into the designated containers
- ✓



**DON'T**

- ✗ DON'T throw materials into the wrong container
- ✗ DON'T contaminate one waste type with another
- ✗ DON'T give waste away, all waste taken off site needs to be accompanied by paperwork
- ✗ DON'T damage covers over or bunds around any skips or containers
- ✗ DON'T burn or bury waste – it's illegal
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