



BIOHAZARD DISPOSAL

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) to ensure all personnel are trained in the handling of biohazard materials and have methods available to dispose of such waste in a lawful, safe manner. Members with additional training will be appointed to monitor compliance with biohazard waste procedures.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to outline general guidelines, which govern handling and disposal of biohazard waste materials.

OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:

- H-108 Vermin-Infested or Washable Biohazards
- H-111 Biohazard Training for Staff
- H-112 Biohazard Disposal
- H-113 Biohazard Control Officer

PROCEDURES.

SECTION A: MEMBER TRAINING

- A-1.** Members who may come in contact with biohazard material will be provided initial and annual refresher training regarding proper handling and disposal of biohazard waste materials.
- A-2.** Biohazard training is required prior to member assignment to the AJ.
- A-3.** Annual or ongoing training will be scheduled as required by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or office policy.

SECTION B: MARKED BIOHAZARD WASTE CONTAINERS

- B-1.** Biohazard waste containers are in easily accessible areas in the AJ.
- B-2.** Biohazard waste containers are closable, constructed in a manner to prevent leakage during handling, storage and transport. Biohazard waste containers will be puncture resistant if intended to contain sharps such as needles or used razor blades.
- B-3.** Biohazard waste will initially be disposed of in properly labeled or color-coded bags or containers.

- B-4.** For long term or secondary storage of contaminated waste or for leak prevention, all biohazard waste must be deposited in a separate container clearly marked as biohazard waste. The secondary container must meet the same labeling and construction requirements of the initial container.
- B-5.** Biohazard waste will be disposed of as needed, by an approved waste disposal vendor.

SECTION C: BIOHAZARD CONTROL DEPUTY

- C-1.** The biohazard control deputy will receive thorough training in biohazard waste disposal and OSHA requirements related to waste disposal and for monitoring removal of biohazard waste from the AJ. The biohazard control deputy will be appointed by the programs supervisor.
- C-2.** The biohazard control deputy will receive additional and specific biohazard training and will monitor compliance with biohazard waste procedures. Duties include ensuring that waste disposal lockers are compliant with OSHA regulations and are inspected on a daily basis, investigating incidents where waste is disposed of inappropriately, and recommending remedial action to ensure future compliance with regulation and policy.

FORMS USED: None