



BIO-HAZARD DISPOSAL

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Adult Jail (DCAJ) and Work Center (WC) to ensure all personnel are trained in the handling of bio-hazard materials and have methods available to dispose of such waste in a lawful, safe manner. Specific staff members with additional training will be appointed to monitor compliance with bio-hazard waste procedures.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to outline general guidelines, which govern handling and disposal of bio-hazard 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: STAFF TRAINING

- A-1.** Staff who may come in contact with bio-hazard materials will be provided initial and annual refresher training regarding proper handling and disposal of bio-hazard waste materials.
- A-2.** Bio-hazard training is required prior to staff being assigned to DCAJ or WC.
- A-3.** Annual or on going training will be scheduled as required by OSHA or local risk management policy.

SECTION B: MARKED BIO-HAZARD WASTE CONTAINERS

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

- B-4.** For longer-term or secondary storage as a result of contamination or leakage, all bio-hazard waste must be deposited in a separate container clearly marked as bio-hazard waste. The secondary container must meet the same labeling and construction requirements of the initial container.
- B-5.** Bio-hazard waste will be disposed of on an as-needed basis.

SECTION C: BIO-HAZARD CONTROL OFFICER

- C-1.** The programs deputy(s) will receive thorough training in bio-hazard waste disposal and OSHA requirements related to waste disposal and for monitoring removal of bio-hazard waste from DCAJ and WC premises. The programs deputy(s) will serve as the bio-hazard control officer(s).
- C-2.** The bio-hazard control officer will receive additional and specific bio-hazard training and will be appointed to monitor compliance with bio-hazard waste material procedures. These duties will 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 actions necessary to ensure future compliance with regulations and policy.

FORMS USED: None