

## Your Duty of Care

The Controlled Waste / Duty Of Care Regulations 1991

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 & The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 place a "Duty of Care" on anyone who produces, collects, treats and disposes of waste. This includes feminine hygiene, clinical, sharps, medicines, dental waste, confidential waste or other waste to be recycled (e.g. cans, paper, bottles, and toner cartridges).

To prevent any other persons committing the offences of depositing, disposing of or recovering controlled waste without a waste management license. <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/>.

To prevent escape of waste, that is to contain it. Waste that is transferred only goes to authorized persons, environmental agencies.

When waste is transferred, correct documentation describes the waste and other relevant details (i.e. a Duty of Care Waste Transfer Note or Hazardous/Special waste Consignment Note)

If you break the law you could be fined an unlimited amount, In accordance with the 1990 Act/1997 Order. The Government have produced statutory Codes of Practice which gives more detail on Duty of Care and Guidance on how to comply; more details are on the Environmental Agency website which is: <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/>.

The main principles of duty of care are about documenting the transfer of waste and checking up on anyone you transfer waste to (e.g. if they are a registered carrier of waste, if they are taking waste to suitably licensed/permited sites). You should only use a Contractor who can provide proof of compliance with the legislation.

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