

Potential Waste Disposal Issues

1. Identify potential waste disposal issues e.g., sharps, dressings, soiled clothing
2. Disposal process required for the home as determined by client e.g., sharps bin, gloves, dressings.

Waste Issues	Disposal Process	Disposal Location
Soiled sanitary or incontinence pads	Bagging (wearing PPE)	General outside household garbage bin
Dressings	Bagging (wearing PPE)	General outside household garbage bin
Soiled material such as paper towels, materials	Bagging (wearing PPE)	General outside household garbage bin
Soiled clothing (if not washable)	Bagging (wearing PPE)	General outside household garbage bin
Medication – unused	Place in secure container	Return to pharmacy
Disinfectants	Sewer system using running cold water wearing PPE (or as instructed by client)	As determined by the client
Spills	Wearing PPE tissues or paper towel, double bagging	General outside household garbage bin
Needles/sharps (where applicable)	e.g., Place in Sharps bin	Sharps Bin as provided by Client

(Soiled may mean urine, blood, saliva, mucus, or faeces)

Environmental Review

This list areas for disposal of waste in the participant’s environment.

Waste Disposal	Location
Disposal Bins – inside	As determined by the client
Disposal Bins – outside	As determined by the client
Sharps disposal (where provided)	As determined by the client
Soiled Clothing	As determined by the client
Location of gloves and bags to collect waste.	As determined by the client

EMERGENCY SPILLS (such as household chemical)

In the event of a spill any attempt to clean this should only be done if safe to do so. If this is not possible discuss with the client, remove or yourself and the client from any immediate danger, call 000 and AT HOME CARE.

If the spill can be cleaned, follow the instructions for spills of these nature as per the Working from Home Booklet – Section 4 – Chemical Safety and Section 5 – Infection Control.

Reporting Clinical or Hazardous Substances

Any concerns about clinical or hazardous substances should be reported immediately to the Care Team Coordinator and via SKEDULO using the Incident Management/Hazard Report.

This will record details of the incident/hazard and allow the Quality, Compliance and Risk Manager or their delegate to investigate, review, and respond as required.

This may include such things as removing yourself and the client from the environment, calling the Poisons Information Line on 13 11 26, contacting emergency services if not already actioned or attending the home to assess the situation.