Refresher On-line Laboratory Safety Training Module 2: Hazardous Waste Disposal

University Police and Safety Office (UP&SO)

Introduction

After this training, you will be able to:

- Define "Hazardous Waste,"
- Comply with all hazardous waste management rules at NDSU, including:
 - Labeling requirements
 - Storage requirements
- Safely manage all regulated wastes (e.g. hazardous waste, biohazard waste, sharps, and contaminated glass) in your lab.

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UPDATES FROM THE SAFETY OFFICE What Happens When Waste Handlers Don't Have Reliable Information About Their Waste?

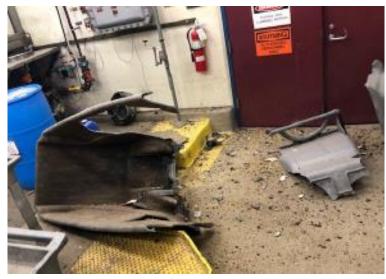


Figure 1: Damaged cart after detonation of emptied glass bottle containing a peroxide forming compound.

Dangers of Peroxide Formers—Explosion Incident:

June, 2019 - A waste bottle likely containing dangerous levels of peroxides exploded at a large research university in the Midwest. The explosion occurred during waste consolidation, after the chemical bottle was picked up from a research lab. The explosion was large enough to rip a cart in half (Figure 1), blow open the doors in the room, cause damage to adjacent rooms, and cause minor injuries to one employee. The lab researchers did not clearly indicate the hazards of the waste on the waste container before the waste was picked up.

Peroxide Forming Chemicals:

Some organic solvents (THF, ethers, and many more chemicals) spontaneously form peroxides under normal storage conditions, or during evaporation and distillation. These peroxides are explosive and can detonate from heat, friction, or mechanical shock!

A list of common peroxide forming chemicals and handling guidelines can be found <u>HERE</u>.

IMPORTANT: Older containers of some chemicals must be handled very carefully and should never be opened by researchers. Contact the Safety Office immediately if you find any questionable containers.

UPDATES FROM THE SAFETY OFFICE Pharmaceutical Wastes – NEW REGULATIONS 2021

Any waste that contains toxic pharmaceuticals can not be disposed of in the trash or be poured down the drain. The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) published a guidance document in 2010 for the management of toxic pharmaceutical wastes <u>HERE.</u>

The NDDEQ will issue new rules effective in 2021 regulating the disposal of ALL pharmaceutical waste. The <u>NDDEQ Guidance Document</u> and the Safety Office can help you determine if your waste falls under these regulations. Please contact the Safety Office (701.231.7759) for guidance.

Training Requirements

This on-line refresher training is required *every semester* (*spring, summer, and fall*) for any student, staff, or faculty member generating hazardous waste in a laboratory.

Before taking this refresher training, you must complete In-Person Hazardous Waste Disposal Training. Contact the Safety Office for the training schedule.

Training Schedule Available Online HERE

Hazardous Waste

Definition: A waste is hazardous if it can cause harm to human health and/or the environment when handled improperly.

Hazardous waste will be characterized by one or more of the following **hazard classes**:

- Acidic
- Caustic
- Flammable
- Halogenated
- Oxidizer
- Toxic

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Water Reactive



Note: Hazardous waste can never be poured down the drain or disposed of in the garbage!

Hazardous Waste Management Requirements

Hazardous waste in your lab must be:

- 1. Stored in compatible containers
- 2. Stored in closed containers
- 3. Labeled properly
- 4. Called in immediately for pick-up after completing hazardous waste ticket

Hazardous Waste Must Be: **1. Stored in Compatible Containers**

NDSU Safety Office provides hazardous waste containers.

Liquid waste is collected in jugs.

Solid waste is collected in buckets/pails.

DO NOT store incompatible waste materials in the same waste container.

Call the Safety Office at 701.231.7759 to request waste containers.



Hazardous Waste Must Be: 2. Stored in Closed Containers

Hazardous waste containers must be **closed at all times**, except when actively adding waste.



Funnels are not lids!

Note: Fill waste containers **only 90% full** to ensure you can screw the lid on!

Not properly closed.



Properly closed.



Hazardous Waste Must Be: **3. Labeled Properly**

All waste containers must be labeled with:

- Start date
- All contents
- Primary hazard class
- End date

Hazardous Waste When first container is ready for pickup, immediately call 231-7759. Mod Dower: Informatic Halocensted Conterre Tork: Water Reactive Hexante Tolu ene Acetone	Ð	Start Date: 6/11/2019 End Date: 6/12/2019 End Date: 6/12/2019 F Hexane 502 F TOLUENE 102 F Acetonie 402		
Waste Tag, Start Date: 6 /11/19. End/Full Date: 6 /18/19.				
Hazardous Waste Tag		Hazardous Waste Container		

Note: Hazardous waste labelling information can be listed on the **Hazardous Waste Tag** and/or the **Hazardous Waste Container.**

Hazardous Waste Must Be: 4. Called in Immediately for Pick-up

Before calling the Safety Office for a hazardous waste pick-up, you must complete a hazardous waste ticket for **<u>each</u>** waste container.

Bid/Hall:	Hm/Lab#: <u>703</u>	d/Full Date:10 /09/19
Your Email (Print Ne	atly): graduate.st	udent @ndsu.edu
Your Cell Phone:	(701) 555 - 1212	Please fill in all Shaded Sections
PI Email (Print Neatly)	principalinves	tigato(@ndsu.edu
Hazard Class: Acid A, (Caustic C, Flammable F, Halogenated H, O>	idixer O, Toxic T, Water Reactive V
Hazard Class	Hazardous Chemical Waste Subst	ance Amount (Mass, Volume or %)
F	HEXANES	IL
F	Ethyl acetate	11
F	Acetone	21
H	Dichloromethane	2 1.5L
F	Methanol	0.51
Т	WATER	21
Comments/Additional Infor	isitive, Storage or Cleanout issues, IULCI VUI. U	r Mass: 8L
itrong Stench/Odor, Laorimation/Pear S lansitive, Canoinogenio, Teratogenio or I	hedding, flefigerata Temparature Madageric, etc. ready, immediately call 231-775	
	Safety Office Use Only	Initials:
Storage Class	Waste Phase	

Remember to complete all sections on the Hazardous Waste Ticket:

- 1. Waste Location
- 2. Start and End Dates
- 3. Contact Information
- 4. Hazard Class
- 5. Chemical Contents and Amounts
- 6. Total Mass or Volume
- 7. Any Additional Hazard Information

Hazardous Waste Must Be: 4. Called in Immediately for Pick-up

To call in a hazardous waste pick-up, dial: 701.231.7759



Example of a waste container ready for pick-up with a completed hazardous waste ticket in the handle of the jug.

Hazardous Waste Storage Limits

Hazardous waste **must be called in for pick-up immediately** (within 24 hours) when:

- One waste container is full, <u>or</u>
- One waste container is no longer being filled,

and

- At the end of each semester in teaching labs, <u>or</u>
- Within 9 months of start date in research labs.



Biohazard Waste

The Safety Office provides biohazard burn-up bins (BUB) for disposing of biohazard waste.

To prepare the BUB for disposal:

- The inner bag must be twisted, folded over, and taped securely shut.
- The lid must be closed and attached to the box with tape ³/₄ down the sides.
- If >15 lbs (7 kgs), the bottom of the BUB must also be taped.
- Ensure no liquids, sharps, or glass are in the BUB.
- Complete a Biohazard Waste Form.
- Call the Safety Office for pick-up.



Example of a biohazard burn-up bin prepared for pick-up.

Dept.	Date: Oct. 6, 2017 Building and room #: Duo		Department: 50	Chemistry Telephone #.	Biochemistry 701,231.8048
	Contact person: Verisafe Guy				
	Type of waste (i.e. blood, tissues, paper, etc.) blood tissues & gloves				
	Approximate amount of waste (in pounds): 10 10s				
	Reason for incincration (i.e. biomedical, biohazard, etc.)				
	Autoclaved:	Yes		(No)	
UP&SO	Delivered by:			Date:	
Lab	Date incinerated:		Approved b	y:	

Biohazard Waste Form



Example of a properly closed inner bag.

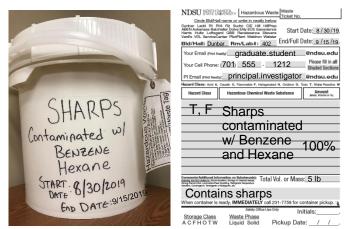
Contaminated Sharps Waste

All contaminated sharps (needles, razor blades, scalpels, etc...) must be collected in appropriate containers, and picked up by the Safety Office.



Biohazard Contaminated Sharps

- Collected in red sharps container
- A Biohazard Waste Form must be filled out for biohazard sharps



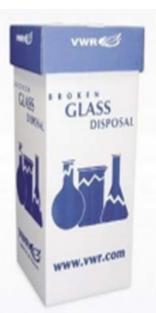
Chemical Contaminated Sharps

- Collected in solid waste pail/bucket labeled 'SHARPS' with all chemical contaminants listed
- Hazardous Waste Ticket must be filled out for chemical contaminated sharps

Glass Waste and Recycling

• Recycle Clear and Amber Glass Bottles:

- Rinse container three times
- Collect rinse as liquid hazardous waste
- Deface label with permanent marker
- Label "3 X Rinsed"
- Call Safety Office for pick up
- Clean Broken Glass
 - Deface label and place in a clean broken glass disposal box.
 - Building custodians remove clean broken glass disposal boxes.
- Chemically Contaminated Glass
 - Place in a hazardous waste bucket.
 - Complete a waste ticket and call the Safety Office for pickup.



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Clean Broken Glass Disposal Box

Chemical Clean Out Procedure

Unwanted and expired chemicals can be disposed of through the Safety Office.

Call the Safety Office to coordinate a **Chemical Clean Out.**

701.231.7759



Think About Hazardous Waste SAFETY...

SAFETY for all hazardous waste containers:

Start Date Listed on Waste Tag & Waste Ticket.

All Chemical Contents Listed on Waste Tag & Waste Ticket.

Firmly Close Containers at All Times.

End Date Listed on Waste Tag & Waste Ticket.

Tags and Tickets Filled Out Completely.

You Must Call 701.231.7759 Immediately for Pick-up.

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Thank You!

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