

HSE Alert: Housekeeping and waste disposal

Waste disposal observations:

- Unsafe conditions
- Blocked garbage chutes
- Improper waste disposal
- Non-compliance with DHCC waste disposal procedures



Blocked garbage chutes



Inappropriate material blocking the garbage chute



Blocked access and fire risk



Blocked access and dirty waste rooms

Images taken by DHCC facilities management provider Emrill Services

HSE guidance to DHCC Business Partners

Waste disposal guidelines:

- Segregate waste correctly
- Dispose general waste correctly
- Use appropriate bag sizes
- Do not stockpile waste

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Housekeeping observations in communal and waste disposal areas:

- Inappropriately discarded materials, including clinical and biological waste
- Unsafe conditions
- Improper waste segregation
- Poor fire prevention measures
- Improper disposal of hazardous materials



Material discarded inappropriately



Material discarded inappropriately



Chemical waste discarded inappropriately



Waste material discarded inappropriately outside garbage chute

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Clinical waste disposed as general waste



Syringe left discarded in the waste disposal room

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HSE guidance to DHCC Business Partners

- DHCC business partners are responsible for implementation of appropriate / necessary fire prevention measures, including housekeeping within work areas to prevent the outbreak of fires or explosions that could result in loss of valuable lives and property.
- Inappropriately discarded waste material can generate a fire risk.
- Stockpiling of chemicals may pose a significant fire / toxicity risk.
- Discarded waste can obstruct passageways.
- Discarded waste can restrict access to fire protection equipment such as fire extinguishers.
- Building Fire Protection Systems such as sprinklers are designed in accordance with the building regulations, and hence should not be obstructed.

The Health, Environment and Safety (HSE) Department at Dubai Healthcare City Authority – Regulatory (DHCR) plays a vital role in promoting the health and safety of all members of the Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC) Community.

The HSE Department works closely with DHCC's clinical and non-clinical business partners to take proactive measures to prevent the occurrence of avoidable emergencies and incidents, and to maintain the highest safety standards, protecting employees, property and the environment.

The department, in its capacity as the free zone's oversight advisor, provides both regulatory as well as advisory services, facilitating a sustainable environment that fosters health, safety and wellbeing without compromising growth and development.

The HSE Department would like to advise the DHCC Community that business partners, regardless of the size, activity, occupancy or hazards of their areas of operations, have a legal duty to know and familiarize themselves with the DHCC Waste Disposal and Housekeeping Procedures to ensure compliance.

A violation of DHCC's Code of Practice may result in disciplinary action.

For advise and guidance, please contact:

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References:

- DHCC Waste Code of Practice
- Dubai Municipality Code of Practice on the Management of Medical Wastes from Hospital, Clinics and Related Health Care Premises in Dubai

