

Duty of Care



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 wastes, confidential waste or other waste to be recycled (e.g. cans, paper, bottles, toner cartridges).

Why do you need Duty of Care?

- To prevent any other persons committing the offences of depositing, disposing of or recovering controlled waste without an environmental permit or waste management licence.
- To prevent escape of waste i.e to contain it.
- Waste that is transferred only goes to authorised persons.
- 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).

You should only use a contractor who can provide proof of compliance with the legislation. If you break the law you could be fined an unlimited amount.

Cannon Hygiene can provide proof of compliance with this legislation, and copies of our Waste Carrier Registrations can be downloaded from our website or supplied electronically on request.