



**CORRECTIONS MEDICINE**  
**Biohazardous Waste Management**  
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- I. **PRUPOSE:** To dispose of liquid, solid, and hazardous materials according to applicable regulations while maintaining a safe, clean and healthy environment for patients and staff in the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.
- II. **POLICY:** Appropriate biohazardous waste containers shall be available in all areas where there are disposable sharps such as needles or syringes, and where there is the possibility of biohazardous waste and/or bodily fluids that require safe and proper disposal.
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff members in the Corrections Medicine program are familiar with the content of this policy and the procedures therein.
- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
  - 1. All sharp instruments requiring disposal shall be disposed of using a method to reduce the risk that a patient or staff member can be injured or exposed to biohazardous waste or bodily fluids by accidental needle stick or other puncture.
    - a. There shall be rigid, leak and puncture resistant containers in all areas where medications are dispensed to store sharps and biohazard waste.
    - b. Sharps shall be disposed of in the sharps containers. All biohazard boxes and sharps containers shall be labeled as biohazardous waste with the biohazard symbol.
  - 2. Biohazardous waste containers shall be stored in a separate room in the medical department that is designated for biohazardous waste containers. When the boxes are full, they shall be closed and taped in preparation for scheduled removal from the facility.
  - 3. Any material that is saturated or soiled shall be placed in a red plastic biohazard bag marked with the biohazard symbol. The bag is placed in a biohazardous waste box located in the biohazardous waste room.
  - 4. The Department of Public Health maintains a contract with a licensed infectious waste hauler and schedules for the waste to be picked up regularly.
  - 5. There are material safety data sheets available for reference about any chemical that is used in the Buzz Westfall Justice Center that could be considered hazardous waste.
- V. **REFERENCE:**  
American Correctional Association: Performance –Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, fourth edition; Standard 4ALDF-1A-02