

WAC 480-70-436 Biomedical waste, operational requirements. (1)

A company collecting, transporting and disposing of biomedical waste as defined in WAC 480-70-041 must prepare and maintain a biomedical waste operating plan.

(2) A company must keep the biomedical waste operating plan:

(a) On file in the company's main office; and

(b) A copy must be carried in each motor vehicle used in transportation of biomedical waste.

(3) The biomedical waste operating plan must include provisions ensuring that:

(a) Biomedical waste is kept separate from any other solid waste until treatment or disposal;

(b) Only authorized and properly trained persons collect, transport, and dispose of biomedical waste;

(c) Unauthorized persons are prevented from having access to, or contact with, biomedical waste;

(d) Any motor vehicle used to collect, transport or dispose of biomedical waste is properly decontaminated;

(e) Employees are provided and required to use clean gloves and uniforms, and any other necessary protective clothing when collecting, transporting, and disposing of biomedical waste; and

(f) Appropriate methods are available to decontaminate any person exposed to biomedical waste during collection, transportation, and disposal.

(4) The biomedical waste operating plan must also include alternative storage, treatment and disposal sites in case of an accident or unavailability of the primary storage, treatment, or disposal site.

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