

MANAGEMENT OF INFECTIOUS WASTE

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POLICY

Davis Behavioral Health Inc will recognize and dispose of all infectious waste in accordance with recognized community standards such as in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), State Code and the Environmental Protection Agency

PURPOSE

Due to the inherent risk of working with our population of clients in mental health, alcohol and Addiction therapy, wherein there exists an increased incidence of blood borne pathogens, the following procedures are to be followed for the safe disposal of infectious waste, in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), State Code and the Environmental Protection Agency.

PROCEDURE

- 1.0 All infectious waste will be contained in color coded (red bags) and biohazard labeled containers in the area it is generated. The biohazard containers will be transported from the Davis Behavioral Sites to be picked up through BFI.
- 2.0 At no time will infectious waste be flushed in sinks where hands are washed.
- 3.0 Items contaminated with small amounts of blood or body substances (dressings, bandaids) are deemed ordinary waste and may go to a landfill.

Large volumes of blood, or saturated bandages that could drip if squeezed, may be disposed of in toilets or red bagged.

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