Coastal Carolina University
Athletic Training Department
Policy and Procedure Manual
Biohazard Waste Disposal

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INTRODUCTION

The Athletic Training Department within the Department of Athletics generates biohazard waste as result of normal participation of student-athletes in intercollegiate athletics. As a result of this waste generation, it is imperative that policies and procedures are in place to properly dispose of the waste within South Carolina regulations as well as to protect the individuals that handle the waste products.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

All Athletic Training personnel shall undergo appropriate Blood Borne Pathogen Training on a yearly basis as conducted by the Human Resources department for the University. Universal Precautions will be utilized when handling biohazard waste products to include but not limited to the following:

- Assume that ALL blood is positive for HIV, HBV, and HCV
- Assume that ALL other human fluids/tissues are also positive
- When it's difficult to differentiate, treat ALL fluids as potentially infectious
- Assume that ALL individuals are carrying these disease organisms
- Avoid skin contact with blood & other potentially infectious materials
- Avoid eye, nose, & mouth contact with blood & other potentially infectious materials
- Avoid punctures/sticks with contaminated sharp objects
- Utilize gloves and other Personal Protective Equipment when necessary
- Utilize hand washing stations when available or alcohol based hand sanitizer

PROPER DISPOSAL

All Athletic Training facilities will be equipped with biohazard waste containers. If there is a biohazard waste spill and/or cleanup during a practice and/or game then the waste should be secured in an appropriate fashion and deposited in the biohazard waste container within the athletic training facility. All needles and other sharps items should be disposed in appropriate sharps containers located in the athletic training facilities.

BIOHAZARD WASTE PICKUP

The Coastal Carolina University Athletic Department is registered with South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control as a small waste generator (#SC 26-0360G). Biohazard waste is picked up on a PRN basis by Stericycle. Stericycle provides appropriate waste containers to secure biohazard waste in the facility until pick up and disposal is necessary.