Infectious Waste
Fact Sheet

Off-campus areas across MUSC generate infectious medical waste. All employees handling infectious waste must be aware of the health hazards, security risks, and regulations. For those individuals authorizing shipment of infectious waste from an off-campus location, they must be trained in accordance with US Department of Transportation 49 CFR 172.704. This training is offered by OSHP staff.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STAFF:
- Properly wear PPE when handling infectious waste
- Wash your hands after handling infectious waste
- Be aware of bloodborne pathogens (BBP) such as HIV, HBV, HCV
- Be trained to sign infectious waste manifests
- Report any suspicious activity involving infectious waste to OSHP at 843-792-3604

RESPONSIBILITIES OF STAFF SUPERVISORS:
- Provide all necessary PPE to employees handling infectious waste
- Properly train employees on PPE selection and use
- Require staff to report BBP exposure to you
- Ensure staff signing infectious waste manifests are trained

SAFETY TIP: SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION IF EXPOSED TO INFECTIOUS WASTE
Immediately go to the nearest emergency facility if exposed to infectious waste containing blood and/or bodily fluids. Contact your supervisor of the exposure.

INFECTIOUS WASTE DISPOSAL AND SHIPPING
Important Considerations:
1. All containers must be labeled and marked properly.
2. All waste containers must be sealed and closed to prevent leakage.
3. No damage to the outermost container surface is visible.
4. The infectious waste is secured and under the control of the generator.
5. Infectious Waste Training is appropriate for approved employees signing manifests at off-campus MUSC facilities.
6. The training is conducted in accordance with federal and state regulations, Joint Commission standards, and MUSC policies.