

Statutory basis: Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 regs 35 and 47 to 53, as they apply in England, for consignment notes and records — Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have their own hazardous waste rules, so confirm those that apply to the site; Environmental Protection Act 1990 s.34 and Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 regs 12 and 35 for the duty of care, the waste hierarchy and transfer notes; COSHH 2002 for handling hazardous substances; DSEAR 2002 for flammable waste; Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 for suspect asbestos; CDM 2015 regs 13 and 15. This document is the recorded safe system of work required by HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5.

1 DOCUMENT AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

RAMS REFERENCE	PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE PREPARED	NEXT REVIEW DATE
CLIENT / PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR	PLANNED START	DURATION	OPERATIVES	SUPERVISING THE WORK

2 SCOPE OF WORKS

Identifying hazardous waste produced by construction and cleaning work, keeping it out of general skips, storing it by compatible stream in a designated hazardous waste area, dealing with leaks and spills, and handing it to a registered carrier with the consignment records.

This document does not cover: general waste segregation and skip exchanges (KD-RAMS-SL-002), pre-demolition hazardous strip (KD-RA-DM-001), loading out demolition arisings to wagons (KD-RA-DM-005), asbestos waste of any kind (the removal contractor's route only — suspect finds follow KD-RAMS-DM-007), and contaminated soils (KD-RAMS-GW-007).

SITE-SPECIFIC SCOPE, LOCATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

3 RISK ASSESSMENT — SCORE EACH RISK FOR THIS SITE, THEN ADD WHAT IS MISSING

The hazards and controls below are the starting point for this activity, written by a working main contractor. They are not complete for your site until a competent person has scored each risk, added the site-specific hazards, and struck out anything that does not apply. Rate risks High / Medium / Low before and after controls.

1. Hazardous waste mixed into general skips, or created unnecessarily

At risk: Operatives, waste handlers, the environment

Controls: Unopened and reusable stock returned to the supplier or reused on site before it becomes waste, applying the waste hierarchy; hazardous streams named at induction and on signs at the waste area — part-used paints, solvents, adhesives, oils, oily rags, aerosols, batteries, fluorescent tubes, chemical containers and contaminated PPE; general skips checked before each exchange.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

2. Incompatible wastes stored together — reaction, fire or toxic gas

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Separate lidded, labelled containers for each stream; different hazardous wastes never mixed with each other or with non-hazardous waste; acids kept apart from alkalis and chlorine-based products, and oxidisers from flammables; the original product's safety data sheet checked before anything is added to a stream.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

3. Fire in flammable waste — solvents, oily rags and aerosols

At risk: Everyone on site

Controls: Oily and solvent rags in metal lidded bins emptied into the hazardous stream before the site closes each day; flammable waste kept in a ventilated area away from ignition sources and hot works, with no smoking; extinguisher at the store; quantities kept low by booking collections early.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4. Leaks and spills reaching drains or ground

At risk: The environment, operatives

Controls: Liquid wastes on drip trays or in secondary containment, away from drains; every waste oil container, whatever its size, kept in secondary containment holding at least 110 per cent of the largest container as good practice; spill kit at the store; any spill that reaches a drain or ground reported at once.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

5. Skin, eye and inhalation contact while handling waste

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Liquids never poured together or decanted on site; closed containers go whole into the stream container; handled upright with the gloves and eye protection the product's COSHH assessment specifies; leaking or damaged containers over-packed in a larger container, not emptied.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

6. Damaged batteries — acid, short circuits and lithium battery fires

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Lead-acid batteries stored upright on containment; lithium batteries with terminals taped, kept in a lidded metal container apart from other waste; swollen, hot or damaged lithium batteries moved outdoors away from combustibles and reported.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

7. Suspect asbestos or unidentified substances in the waste

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Unlabelled containers, unknown powders and suspect asbestos-containing materials are not handled: stop, keep people away and report; suspect asbestos follows the site discovery procedure under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

8. Waste leaving site with an unregistered carrier or without records

At risk: The business, the environment

Controls: Collection only by a registered carrier to a permitted facility, checked before booking; in England every hazardous consignment travels with a consignment note, site copies filed (Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005) — elsewhere, the rules that apply to the site; other waste with a transfer note kept for two years (Environmental Protection Act 1990 s.34; Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 reg 35).

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

9. Handling drums, containers and full waste bins

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Drums and heavy containers moved on a drum trolley or sack truck, never rolled or carried; stream containers sized so a full one can be moved by trolley or machine; containers placed and lifted at waist height where the store layout allows.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

Site-specific hazards not listed above — every site has at least one:

HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROLS	INITIAL HI...	RESIDUAL...	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4 METHOD — SEQUENCE OF WORK

- 01 List the hazardous waste streams the works will produce from the programme and product COSHH assessments; return unopened stock or reuse it before it becomes waste; brief the streams at induction.
- 02 Set up the hazardous waste area on hard standing away from drains and hot works — ventilated, secure, signed, with containment, a spill kit and an extinguisher.
- 03 Provide a separate lidded, labelled container for each stream; post the compatibility rules at the store.
- 04 Trades bring hazardous waste to the store in closed containers, which go whole into the right stream container; nothing hazardous goes in a general skip.
- 05 Keep liquids on containment, and keep every waste oil container inside secondary containment holding at least 110 per cent of the largest container.
- 06 Isolate damaged batteries and leaking containers straight away.
- 07 Stop and report any unidentified substance or suspect asbestos; do not handle it.
- 08 Check the store at the end of each day: lids on, labels legible, no leaks, rag bins emptied into the hazardous stream.
- 09 Book collections before containers are full, with a registered carrier to a permitted facility; confirm the hazardous waste rules for the part of the UK the site is in.
- 10 Complete the consignment note with the carrier and file the site copy with the waste records.
- 11 Clean up spills with the spill kit and report at once any spill that reaches a drain or ground.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE

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5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

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| Lidded, labelled containers for each stream | Drum trolley and sack truck |
| Metal lidded bins for oily and solvent rags | Spill kit and fire extinguisher |
| Drip trays and secondary containment | Hazardous waste signage, compatibility chart and waste note file |

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS

COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS

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6 PPE — THE LAST LINE OF CONTROL, NOT THE FIRST

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| Head protection | Gloves — task-rated | Chemical-resistant gloves and eye protection to the COSHH assessment |
| Safety footwear | Eye protection | |
| High visibility | Hearing protection | |

RPE TYPE, FACE-FIT STATUS, AND ANY OTHER PPE REQUIRED

7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS

No permit is normally required for this activity. The site's own rules may still require one — check before starting, and record any permit issued below.
PERMITS ISSUED FOR THIS WORK (OR NONE)

8 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS — COMPLETE FOR THIS SITE

FIRST AIDER AND LOCATION

NEAREST A&E

ASSEMBLY POINT

HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED

EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR THIS WORK AREA

SPILL / ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

9 BRIEFING RECORD — EVERYONE WORKING UNDER THIS RAMS SIGNS BEFORE STARTING

By signing you confirm the contents of this RAMS have been explained to you, you understand the hazards and controls, and you will work to the sequence stated.
Tell the supervisor if the work or the site does not match this document — work stops until it does.

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE

10 PREPARED AND ACCEPTED

Prepared / adapted for this site by — I confirm I have adapted this document to the site, scored the risks, and that it describes how the work will actually be done.

PRINTED NAME

ROLE / COMPETENCE

COMPANY

SIGNATURE

DATE

TIME

Accepted for the site by — principal contractor or site manager review.

PRINTED NAME

ROLE

COMPANY

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Review this RAMS if the work, the site or the law changes, and at least before each new phase of the works. Flatten the completed PDF before filing so the record cannot be silently edited.

R REVISION HISTORY

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