

STATE OF VIRGINIA

DEFINITION OF MEDICAL WASTE

All medical waste will be contained in accordance with Virginia State Law and the EPA. All sharps will be placed directly into a rigid container that is leak proof, puncture resistant, and exhibits the universal biohazard symbol. Other waste such as dressings, contaminated medical supplies, and contaminated clothing will be placed in a designated red bag and given over to the hospital for disposal. Area hospitals have agreed to have ambulance personnel dispose of medical waste in the area of the hospital systems after collection at the station. This process is acceptable as the waste relates directly to the provision of patient care. However in case medical waste is not left at the medical facility a red coded storage container and a small white container that is labels is located at the back of the bay area. When full, these containers should be taken to the hospital Emergency Department.

HANDLING OF MEDICAL WASTE

All items meeting the State of Virginia definition for medical waste will be placed into a red biohazard waste bag. When bag is $\frac{3}{4}$ full. Place into a cardboard box and call logistics for pick up.

Full containers awaiting pick up should be stored in a secured area with a bio hazard label on the door. This is in accordance with VA state law.