Storage of waste

What?

- allowing waste to escape into the environment not only causes nuisance to neighbours and generates a poor public image, it is illegal.

Why?

- **avoid prosecution:** it is the duty of all waste producers to prevent their waste escaping into the environment
- **reduce costs:** the segregation of waste into separate containers or skips can lead to lower costs by:
  - reducing disposal costs and landfill tax payments through preventing the contamination of inert wastes by non-hazardous and hazardous wastes
  - maximising the potential for reusing and recycling materials
  - making it easier to see how much of each type of waste is being produced and where efforts to reduce waste need to be targeted.

Questions

1 Where is the waste storage area on site?
2 What wastes cannot be mixed?
3 What type of waste needs to be bunded?

Do

- ✓ keep sites tidy and collect waste regularly
- ✓ use waste containers or skips suitable for the type of waste being stored
- ✓ use skips with lids or cover them with sheets or nets to prevent dust and litter being blown out
- ✓ check that containers and skips are not corroded or worn out to minimise the risk of accidental spillages or leaks
- ✓ use colour coding to mark waste containers and skips clearly with their intended contents
- ✓ ensure labels on containers and skips are kept in good order
- ✓ segregate waste before putting it into the designated containers skips
- ✓ locate skips away from watercourses, gullies and drains
- ✓ place liquid hazardous waste containers within bunds or on drip trays.

Don't

- ✗ throw materials into the wrong container/skip
- ✗ contaminate one waste type with another
- ✗ mix hazardous with non hazardous waste – it's illegal
- ✗ give waste away, all waste taken off site needs to be accompanied by paperwork
- ✗ overfill skips
- ✗ damage covers over or bunds around any skips or containers
- ✗ burn or bury waste – it's illegal.

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