

NDIS Waste Management

Standards Mapping & Compliance Guide

This document provides NDIS providers, support workers and auditors with a summary of how the NDIS Waste Management course aligns with the NDIS Practice Standards - Infection Prevention and Control, Work Health and Safety requirements and organisational policies and procedures for safe management of clinical and potentially infectious waste in home and community settings.

NDIS Practice Standards Alignment

Infection Prevention and Control

- Infection prevention and control
- Safe handling of clinical and potentially infectious waste
- Risk assessment before handling waste
- Use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Hand hygiene before and after handling potentially infectious waste
- Safe sharps management
- Identification and reporting of environmental risks

Additional Compliance Alignment

- NDIS Practice Standards - Infection Prevention and Control
- Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act 2011 (NSW)
- Organisational policies and procedures
- Incident reporting according to organisational policy
- Worker training, competence and organisational authorisation

Course Learning Outcomes

- Explain why safe waste management matters in NDIS settings
- Apply infection prevention principles when handling potentially infectious waste
- Identify common clinical and infectious waste
- Manage bodily waste using standard precautions
- Explain safe sharps disposal requirements
- Respond appropriately to a needle stick injury
- Recognise waste management tasks that are within or outside scope of practice
- Maintain participant dignity and privacy during waste disposal
- Identify and report environmental waste hazards in shared living environments
- Apply correct waste segregation practices according to organisational procedures

Organisational Benefits

- Supports workforce knowledge and safe waste management practices
- Reinforces infection prevention, PPE and hand hygiene practices
- Strengthens identification and escalation of waste-related hazards
- Reinforces safe sharps management and needle stick injury response
- Supports workers to remain within training, competence and organisational authorisation

- Promotes participant dignity and privacy during waste management
- Supports safe waste segregation, storage and transportation practices

Evidence for Audits

- Staff induction and education
- Infection prevention and waste management education
- Risk identification and escalation education
- Sharps safety education
- Needle stick injury response and incident reporting education
- Scope of practice education
- Participant dignity and privacy education
- Environmental risk education in SIL settings
- Waste segregation education
- Knowledge check and final assessment evidence

Auditor Summary

The course provides a structured learning experience that strengthens support worker knowledge of safe clinical and potentially infectious waste management in NDIS home, community and shared living settings. It reinforces infection prevention, standard precautions, PPE, hand hygiene, sharps safety, needle stick injury response, scope of practice, dignity and privacy, environmental risk identification and waste segregation. The course consistently directs workers to follow organisational policies and procedures, work within their training, competence and organisational authorisation, and escalate risks or tasks outside their role.