

**#1 Violation: Overfilled Biohazard Waste Containers**



✓ **Corrective Actions:** Dispose of biohazardous waste bags and sharps containers when they are ~**2/3 full**. Sharps waste must not extend above the fill line. Obtain sharps containers of an appropriate size to contain serological pipettes or, if needed, double bag pipettes to prevent penetration of bag.

**#2 Violation: Biohazard Waste Containers Not Labeled on All Visible Sides**



✓ **Corrective Actions:** Place biohazard labels on top and all lateral sides of biohazard waste container. The label must contain the word BIOHAZARD, the universal biohazard symbol, be intact, non-porous and legible from any angle.

**#3 Violation: Biohazard Waste Containers Not Secured with a Tight-Fitting Lid**



✓ **Corrective Actions:** **RED** Biohazard bags must be in a secondary container with a tight-fitting lid. Lids must be secured when not in use and at the end of each session. Containers in a biosafety cabinet must also have a lid.

#### #4 Violation: Improperly Defaced Sharps Container



- ✓ **Corrective Actions:** Sharps containers re-purposed for non-biohazard sharps must be completely defaced or removed. Recommend using duct tape or spray paint to completely cover old label before re-labeling.

#### #5 Violation: Items Placed On Top of Biohazard Waste Containers



- ✓ **Corrective Actions:** Do not store, place or hang anything on any biohazardous waste containers or sharps containers. Containers must be ready to receive waste at all times.

#### #6 Violation: Inappropriate Bags Used



- ✓ **Corrective Actions:** Biohazard **RED** bags must fit the secondary container. Sharps containers and transport containers must not be lined with a biohazard bag. Never use orange, clear, or black bags for medical waste.

### #7 Violation: Secondary Container Without Biohazard Bag Liner



✓ **Corrective Actions:** All biohazard waste containers must be lined with a **RED** biohazard bag—even if empty—to be ready to receive waste.

### #8 Violation: Liquid, Chemical, or Mixed Waste in Sharps Container



✓ **Corrective Actions:** **RED** sharps containers must only be used for medical sharps waste. Do not place tubes with liquid containing blood or chemicals into sharps containers. Do not place household waste or non-sharps waste into sharps container.

### #9 Violation: Inappropriate Secondary Container



✓ **Corrective Actions:** Biohazard waste containers must be rigid, puncture-resistant, leak-proof, composed of smooth cleanable material, be intact, have a tight fitting lid and BIOHAZARD label on all visible sides. Containers must be lined with **RED** biohazard bags that fit.

## #10 **Violation:** Biohazard Bag Without Secondary Container



✓ **Corrective Actions:** **RED** biohazard bags must always be in a secondary container that is rigid, puncture-resistant, leak-resistant, with a tight-fitting lid and labeled on all visible sides with the Biohazard label.

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## Additional Information

For questions regarding the CSUF Medical Waste Management Plan, please contact the Environment, Health & Safety Office:

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# The **CORRECT** way to tie the bag



Always wear gloves



Bag shouldn't be more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  full



Twist the top



Tie a knot

# The **WRONG** way to tie the bag



A butterfly knot leaves more of a chance of leakage

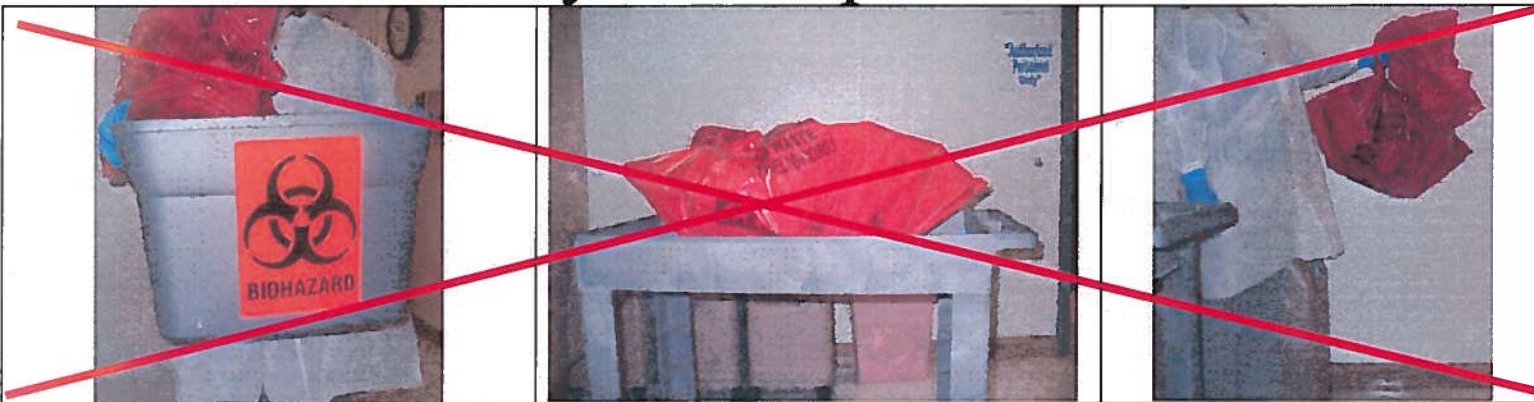
Reference: California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 118280(a)

# The **CORRECT** Way to transport biohazardous waste



Always transport in a rigid container with a tight-fitting lid

# The **WRONG** Way to transport biohazardous waste



Improperly transporting biohazardous waste increases the risk of contamination and spillage

Reference: California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 118280(b)