


 Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	<b>SECTION:</b> Land Ambulance
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## Policy

This policy will outline the procedure to be followed by staff at the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB) to ensure the safe disposal of biomedical waste and appropriate handling of contaminated supplies. When disposing of biomedical waste or contaminated equipment Paramedics must also adhere to the best practices for Infection Prevention and control as outlined in the *Infection Prevention and Control Best Practices Manual for Land Ambulance Paramedics*.

## Procedure for Disposal of Contaminated Supplies

1. **Dressing/Solid Waste, Disposable Linen, Disposable Supplies and Protective Clothing:**

Place items in a biohazard plastic bag and seal. Place this bag into a second plastic bag and seal tightly again. Label outer bag "Infections Waste" and dispose of at a hospital in accordance with the hospital's infectious control procedures.

2. **Reusable Linens:**

Place linens in a separate (red sugar bag- self dissolving) plastic bag and seal. Place inside a second clear plastic bag and seal tightly again. Label outer bag "Infectious Linens – For Laundry" and dispose of at a hospital in accordance with the hospital's infection control procedures.

3. **Sharps:**

Sharps should not be recapped or bent after use, but placed in puncture-proof containers, available in the ambulance or symptom relief kits, and/or deposited at a hospital or other approved agency in accordance with the infection control procedures of that facility.

4. **Contaminated Equipment:**

Equipment will be cleaned in accordance with Policies, *LA 4.2 Contagious Case Decontamination* and *LA 4.10 Infection Prevention and Control*.