

Healthcare Waste now comes in different colours

Following the release of the new guide titled "Safe Management of Healthcare Waste" (Healthcare Technical Memorandum HTM-07-01), (The New Purple Book), which has been published by the Department of Health, Amcor Flexibles SPS are pleased to offer a range of colour coded clinical waste containers. The Sharpak range of colour coded sharps containers will assist healthcare professionals to safely segregate and disposal of this type of healthcare waste in accordance with the best practice recommendations.

Sharpak sharps containers will consist of three groups: - Code **ORANGE**, Code **YELLOW** and Code **PURPLE**. Additional colour codes may be added in the future if considered necessary by our customers.



Code **ORANGE** Sharpak sharps containers will feature Orange closures and labels and are recommended for the segregation, collection and disposal of FULLY discharged sharps but **MUST NOT** be used for sharps contaminated with cytotoxic or cytostatic medicines or sharps contaminated with other medicinal products.

Code **ORANGE** containers can be disposed of by incineration or other approved methods.



Code **YELLOW** Sharpak sharps containers will feature Yellow closures and labels and are recommended for the segregation, collection and disposal of partially discharged sharps contaminated with medicines other than cytotoxic or cytostatic medicines.

Code **YELLOW** containers **MUST** be disposed of by incineration only.

All Sharpak Code **YELLOW** sharps containers are supplied with a HYDRI mat inside to absorb any small amounts of free liquids which may accumulate in the container.



Code **PURPLE** Sharpak sharps containers will feature Purple closures and labels and are recommended for the segregation, collection and disposal of sharps contaminated with cytotoxic or cytostatic medicines.

Code **PURPLE** containers **MUST** be disposed of by incineration only.

All Sharpak Code **PURPLE** HYDRI sharps containers are supplied with a HYDRI mat inside to absorb any small amounts of free liquids which may accumulate in the container.

All the latest information you require relating to the Sharpak range of clinical waste containers which are available to help you meet the recommendation of the new Department of Health guide to the "Safe Management of Healthcare Waste" can be found on the Sharpak CD brochure which is available on request or on our website www.sharpakforsharps.co.uk