

COMPANY NAME: PRIORITY WASTE LIMITED

CONTROL SHEETS & FORMS – GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

Ref. No: RAMS2025GENERAL

LOCATION/DEPARTMENT: Generic Customer Sites / Waste Sites

DATE: 28/10/2025

TASK/ACTIVITY/PROCESS/WORKPLACE/EQUIPMENT:

Hazardous Waste / WEEE Collections

B. People/Persons at Risk

General

- 1. Priority Waste Employees ✓
- 2. General Public ✓
- 3. External Site Employees ✓

Specific / Vulnerability

- 4. External Site Contractors / Visitors ✓

C. Hazards Identified

Structure ✓ | Access/Egress ✓ | Manual Handling ✓ | Chemicals ✓ | Working Alone ✓ | Temperature ✓ | Electrical ✓ | Fire/Explosion ✓ | Biological Agents ✓ | Dust/Particles ✓ | External Conditions ✓ | Transport ✓ | Confined Spaces ✓

D. Task / Activity Risk Assessment Table

Task / Activity	Hazard	Existing Control Measures	Initial Risk	Adequately Controlled
Driving vehicle onto customer site	Vehicle or pedestrian collision	Follow site instructions and TMP. Adhere to site speed limits, right-of-way rules, and designated vehicle routes. Operatives trained in site awareness.	M	Yes
Exiting vehicle and entering hazardous waste area	Exposure to hazardous materials, poor site conditions	Full PPE per waste type. Inspect area from a safe distance. Report leaks, unsafe stacking, or unlisted wastes. Work only once area is safe.	M	Yes
Sampling	Exposure to unknown substances	Minimum PPE: EN 166 goggles, S3 footwear, EN 14605 chemical suit, ABEK2P3 mask. Sample in ventilated area. Non-essential staff kept clear. Samples sealed in IP-rated PELI 1200 case.	M	Yes
Stair climbing / use of lifts	Trip/fall or crush injuries	Manual handling training; use of stair climbers; observe lift limits; suitable lighting; site checks before work.	M	Yes
Handling sharp or irregular waste	Cuts / abrasions	Safety gloves; training; supervision; tape to blunt edges; suitable lighting.	M	Yes
Safe vehicle loading	Falls / falling items	Training and supervision; PPE; non-staff excluded from vehicle area.	M	Yes
Stacking pallets	Falling loads	Supervision; correct stacking; PPE; daily visual checks.	L	Yes
General site work	Trips, dust inhalation	Regular sweeping, masks provided, supervision.	M	Yes
Fire	Burns, smoke inhalation	Follow customer fire procedures; no ignition sources near waste.	L	Yes
Vehicular injury	Contact with moving vehicles	Observe one-way systems, reversing controls, banksman where required.	L	Yes
Temperature	Heat stress / dehydration	Fluids available and rest breaks permitted.	L	

E. Additional Control Measures / Safe Working Procedures

Control Measure	Person Responsible	Completion Date	Residual Risk
Drivers to have full H&S and ADR training before attending hazardous waste sites	NT	Within 2 months of start date	L
Drivers to shadow experienced operative for 3 months before lone working	NT	Within 2 months of start date	L
Drivers trained in trolley and container handling	NT	Within 2 months of start date	L

F. Additional Controls – Working On or Near Gas Utility Sites

Hazard:

Exposure to *undorised* gas or accidental release of natural gas. Risk of explosion, ignition, or asphyxiation.

People at Risk:

Priority Waste operatives, site employees, contractors, visitors, and members of the public.

Control Measures:

- Full compliance with the **Contractor's Traffic Management Plan (TMP)** and all **National Gas / Principal Contractor safety procedures**.
- Mandatory **site induction** before work starts — covering emergency routes, muster points, and alarm signals.
- **No smoking, hot work, or ignition sources** permitted on or near gas infrastructure.
- Confirm **safe-to-work clearance** from the Site Responsible Person before entering collection areas.
- Operate **upwind** of vent stacks or gas discharge points.
- Only **intrinsically safe tools and equipment** permitted where required.
- Confirm **gas detection** and atmospheric testing systems are active and functional.

- Vehicles must display all **ADR and site-specific signage**, carry full ADR safety equipment, and operatives must check readiness before entry.
- If gas is detected or an alarm sounds, **stop work, evacuate immediately, and report to site control.**
- Ensure all waste containers and vehicles are **correctly labelled and documented under ADR** prior to leaving site.

Risk Rating: Medium | **Adequately Controlled:** Yes

G. Recommendations & Permits

- COSHH assessments required for all hazardous waste collections.
 - Safe System of Work – **Yes**
 - Permit to Work – **Yes** (for hazardous waste and gas sites)
 - Manual Handling – No (additional assessment already covered)
 - Fire – Yes (existing controls in place)
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H. Review & Document Control

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