

DRIVE OUT



WASTE CRIME

Waste criminals profit at the expense of legitimate businesses, undercutting them and competing unfairly.

Most, if not all, illegal waste sites receive waste transported by road. Haulage firms may be used by criminals to transport waste to illegal disposal sites.

Hauliers involved in illegal waste deposits may not realise that they could be committing an offence. But waste **Duty of Care** requirements also apply to persons and/or companies who carry waste.

Haulier Duty of Care

Anyone who produces, stores and manages waste is obligated to ensure it does not cause harm to human health or pollution to the environment under waste regulations and Duty of Care legislation.

Hauliers have a responsibility to transport and dispose of waste in compliance with regulations. You may be committing an offence by transporting or illegally disposing of waste without the required permissions and this could leave you liable to prosecution and operating sanctions.

Help us drive out waste crime

When negotiating waste haulage contracts, ensure that you fully comply with waste duty of care regulations.

Always check in advance that the delivery site is authorised to accept the proposed type and amount of waste.

Help us to protect our environment by being vigilant and reporting suspicious waste transfers or disposals by rogue operators.

Compliance is non-negotiable

Every day SEPA works to protect and enhance Scotland's environment and we are clear that compliance is non-negotiable.

Environmental, waste-related crime will not be tolerated and SEPA will, with its partners, pursue and take proportionate action against those who seek to profit from waste crime.

SEPA and each of the UK's national environmental regulators are working closely with the DVSA, Traffic Commissioner, Police, HMRC, SBRC and key partners to detect, divert, disrupt, and deter waste crime activity.

Failure to obey the law could cost you your operating licence, up to £40,000 and a jail sentence



Illegal waste management frequently damages our environment, communities and economy by causing pollution, pest infestations, fires and related issues.

Image courtesy of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.



Contact SEPA

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is Scotland's principal environmental regulator, protecting and improving the environment.

If you need advice or guidance, we will work with you to ensure that you act responsibly whilst transporting and disposing of waste.

For advice on SEPA's regulatory regimes visit www.sepa.org.uk or visit www.netregs.org.uk for further guidance.

For all customer enquiries, call 03000 99 66 99



The LIFE SMART Waste project (LIFE13-ENV/UK/000549), led by SEPA, is an innovative pan-European partnership between key bodies involved with addressing waste crime.

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Further information about the LIFE SMART Waste project is available at: www.lifsmartwaste.com.