

A large, light gray circular graphic in the background. Inside the circle is a white silhouette of a person with their arms raised, holding a large heart shape. The person's legs are also visible, pointing downwards.

# **Duty of Care**

## **What does compliance look like?**

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# Background

- ➔ Been around a long time – 25 years! Section 34 Environmental Protection Act 1990
- ➔ It is the glue that binds almost everything in waste
- ➔ Addresses illegal activity
- ➔ Reduce harm to human health and environment
- ➔ Does the right thing with waste
  - ➔ Waste resource/hierarchy



# How does it impact me?

- ➔ Know your waste
- ➔ Apply the hierarchy
- ➔ Know who deals with your waste
- ➔ Know where your waste goes
- ➔ Audit contractors
- ➔ Use a wastestream approach

**NOT THIS**



# What are your wastes?

- ➔ Wood
  - ➔ Painted, treated, trees, MDF, plywood
- ➔ Bricks, rubble, concrete
- ➔ Glass
- ➔ Soils
  - ➔ Topsoil
  - ➔ Contaminated soils
  - ➔ Excavated materials
- ➔ Structural plastics
- ➔ Packaging
  - ➔ Paper/plastic
- ➔ General site waste
  - ➔ Office
  - ➔ Canteen
- ➔ Insulation wastes
- ➔ Paints/Oils/Fuels
- ➔ Plasterboard
- ➔ Asbestos
- ➔ WEEE
- ➔ Scrap metals

# Describe and properly code :



## Guidance on the classification and assessment of waste (1st edition 2015) Technical Guidance WM3

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/waste-classification-technical-guidance>

- ➔ Give a description of the origin and type
- ➔ Give a correct EWC code

# Apply the Hierarchy

- ➔ Do you need to produce it
- ➔ Can you reuse it
- ➔ Can you recycle it
- ➔ Can it be recovered
  - ➔ Can it be used to produce energy/heat
- ➔ ONLY ONCE you have explored these it may have to go for disposal

- ➔ Reduce your material costs
- ➔ Decrease storage requirements
- ➔ Decrease Waste costs
- ➔ Improve the environment
- ➔ Reduce resource depletion

# Who is taking your waste?

## Registered Carrier?

➔ Check that all contractors collecting are registered

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>



# Where is it going?

Is the carrier taking your waste to a “legal” site, permitted or exempt?

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information>



**OR NOT!!!!**



# VISIT THEM!!!!

## ➔ Check out

- ➔ Can they take your wastes?
- ➔ What do they do with them
  - Ask to see evidence and permits etc
  - Ask to see transfer documents
- ➔ Are you happy with the site?
- ➔ Are they happy to see you?
- ➔ Are they compliant
  - Ask Local Environment Agency office

**DON'T LIKE IT DON'T USE IT**

# Cradle to Grave ☺

- ➡ Know your wastes
- ➡ Understand options
- ➡ Apply the hierarchy
- ➡ Follow your wastes to FINAL destination
- ➡ Remove the illegitimate operators
- ➡ Help reduce the burden on the environment and ultimately

**REDUCE COSTS TO YOUR INDUSTRY**