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# Control measure

## Transportation



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### Control measure knowledge

There are strict controls on transporting hazardous waste. Fire and rescue services do have dispensation in exceptional, life saving circumstances. See Section 3.10.3, [Environmental Protection Handbook](#).

Fire and rescue services are allowed to transport and store small quantities of non-hazardous waste from incidents.

### Strategic actions

Fire and rescue services should:

- Be aware of their legal responsibilities and possible defences for the transportation of hazardous waste
- Develop procedures for the transportation and storage of small quantities of non-hazardous waste, which includes items such as disposable gloves or chemical protection suits. See Section 3.10.4, [Environmental Protection Handbook](#)

### Tactical actions

Incident commanders should:

- Consider the legal exemptions. See [Environmental legislation](#)
- Ensure that in the event that emergency transportation of hazardous waste is required, the relevant environment agency is to be informed of the incident as soon as possible and is involved in the decision to transport hazardous waste
- Ensure that fire and rescue service procedures relating to management and transportation of small quantities of non-hazardous waste are followed