

Waste Safety Code

To make sure that we are all safe with waste, we need to write a safety code. A safety code is a set of rules that everyone agrees with and follows to make sure no one is hurt when handling or working near waste.

Below is a sample waste safety code that you can use to help you develop your own waste safety code for your class.



Sample safety code: Solid waste

When doing any waste activity inside:

- I will only touch items of waste when my teacher says that it is safe to do so.
- I will wear gloves when carrying a bucket of food scraps to the compost bin or the worm farm.

After any waste activity, I will always wash my hands. When doing any waste activity outside:

- I will always be in a group of two or more students.
- I will not go into car parks or on roads.
- I will only look in the rubbish or recycling bins. I will not touch any of the items in rubbish or recycling bins with my hands.
- After any waste activity, I will always wash my hands.

When picking up litter in the yard:

- I will always use plastic gloves and tongs. I will not touch any litter on the ground with my hands.
- After we have emptied a bucket of litter into the bin, I will wash our bucket and tongs.
- Afterwards, I will always wash my hands.