Bath & North East Somerset Council

Waste Services – Disposal Service

SSOW WD15 – Safe System of Work: Container Inspections

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1. Activity

This safe system of work relates to inspection and greasing of ISO and Open Top Containers.

2. Persons at Risk

Operational Staff
Drivers.
Contractors

3. Hazards

Falls from Height
Contact with Chemicals

4. Procedures

- To ensure that the containers remain in a fit and proper state they will be inspected daily by drivers and site staff.

- Servicing and Inspections must be undertaken diligently and any containers deemed unsafe must be removed from service until repaired.

- Any urgent repairs must be reported to the Site Supervisors as soon as possible, or within a 24 hour period of the defect being found, then to the repairer by the Site Supervisors. Repairs will be reported by filling out a defect report. All defects will be repaired within an agreed time scale.

- All completed inspection reports must be given to the Site Supervisor. Defected container reports will then be passed to the repairer for rectification.

- A copy of the individual inspection reports must be retained for 18 months.

- If necessary the container must be withdrawn from service if the defect compromises the safe use of the container.

- All containers must be cleaned regularly.

- A certified and inspected platform ladder must be used to enable the greasing and, if necessary, the replacing of the grease nipples on the top hinges. The ladder is stored ready for use at Bath Transfer Station.

5. General Guidance

- All Accidents, near misses and hazardous conditions are to be reported to the Site Manager/Supervisor.

- Staff should never indulge in horse play, as this causes accidents.

- In the event of a serious injury an ambulance must be called immediately and Site Manager/Supervisor informed as soon as possible.

- As employees may come into contact with grease and dirty containers, good hygiene is essential.

6. Personal Protective Equipment

The following PPE must be worn:

- Protective Footwear (with steel cap toes and midsoles)

- Ballistic Trousers

- Hi-Vis Top

- Gloves

7. Training

- Safe Systems of Work on induction

- Defect Reporting

- In house training on safe working practices repeated at least two yearly

- All employees, including those from agencies, have been given a copy of the Waste Disposal and Recycling Operations – Staff Guidance and Information Pocket Book.

Related Documents	
	Reference:

Safe Systems of Work	
PPE	WD05
Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment	WD04
Risk Assessment	
Container Inspection	WD15
Generic Potential Hazards	WD09a
Handbooks	
Staff Guidance and Information Pocket Book	June 2015