



The University of Hong Kong

SAFETY MATTERS

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To: Distribution List

Inappropriate Disposal of Chemical Bottles

The University has recently been alerted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department that some not-fully-emptied and contaminated chemical bottles were found left in the general waste stream at the refuse collection point at Meng Wah Complex. This practice not only can pose a hazard to the concerned refuse collection workers, but may also constitute an offence of illegally disposing of chemical wastes.

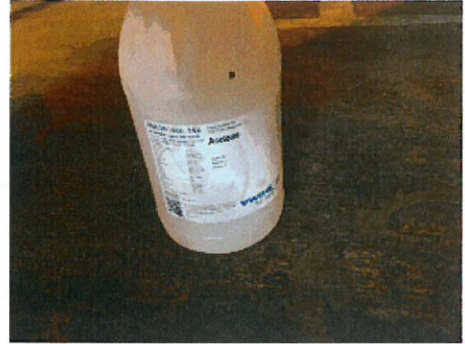
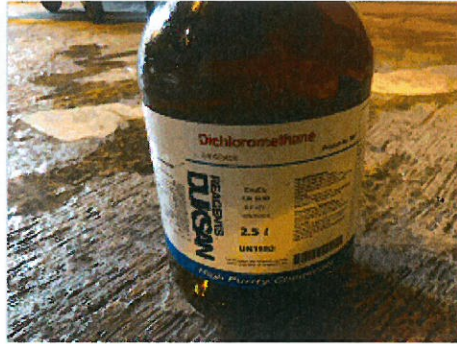
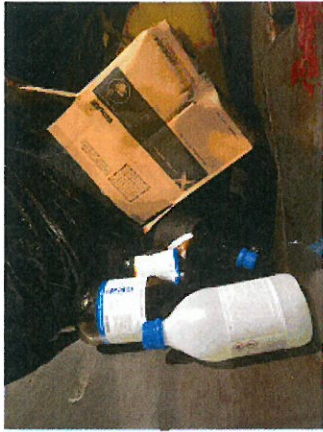
In general, chemical bottles should be thoroughly emptied, cleaned and have their labels removed before they are disposed of. Departments should have in place a system to manage the disposal of such so that incidents described above will not happen again. In this regard, I would like to seek your help in reminding your staff that chemical bottles without proper treatment must NOT be disposed of as general wastes.

If you would like further advice on the matter, please feel free to contact our Chemical Safety Manager, Dr Priscilla Lee on 2859 2402.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Safety



Chemical bottles improperly disposed of.