

## OHS Safety Alert

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ISSUE: Storage of chemical wastes

Storage of chemical wastes in glass containers now prohibited

The OHS Unit advises all users of laboratory areas that the storage of chemical wastes in any type of glass bottle or container (eg. reagent bottles, used Winchester bottles etc) is now prohibited.

A recent incident has highlighted the high risk associated with this practice which could result in serious injury if the glass storage container shatters due to pressure build-up or mixing of incompatible chemicals.

Approved dangerous goods containers (available in various sizes), that are compatible with the chemicals being stored, must now be used for the storage of all chemical wastes.

Reference: UWS Laboratory Safety Guidelines Section 16.5  
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