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 - you can use this 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 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.