

E-WASTE DUTY OF CARE

What is Waste?

The Law states that electrical and electronic equipment becomes waste when its owner discards it. The Environment Agency considers that electrical and electronic equipment ceases to become waste if it is fully functioning and fit for direct reuse for the purpose for which it was originally made.

When computers and the like are donated to E-Inclusion, the equipment will be regarded as waste, and treated legally as waste.

E-Waste Duty of Care

Where electrical and electronic equipment is waste, both our clients and we have a duty to ensure that the waste is handled safely and in accordance with the law. This 'Duty of Care' means that our clients and we shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that waste is only handled or dealt with by individuals or businesses that are **'authorised'** to deal with it.

'Authorised' means a waste collection authority, a person who has a waste management licence or waste carriers licence, or a person exempt from registering as a carrier of waste. E-inclusion is authorised to carry waste. The treatment of E-Inclusion's waste when it has not been possible to re-use equipment, is carried out by our partner Sims Metal Plc - Licence No. EAWML-30264.

In addition to the requirements above, a record must be kept of all waste transferred through a system of Waste Transfer Notices (W.T.N). E-Inclusion will advise the client direct on this requirement.

WEEE Regulations

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations apply only to **producers** of electrical and electronic equipment not users. The WEEE Regulations do not affect your duty of care obligations.

Further Advice

Waste legislation is complicated. Feel free to contact us to discuss the above in more detail. Alternatively, excellent guidance can be sought from the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506.



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