## Toolbox Talk Waste



#### What?

- Waste is any substance or object which the producer or owner intends to discard, and includes wastes intended for recycling or recovery
- Waste is directly linked to human development and the growth in extracting materials for consumption
- The composition of different wastes have varied over time depending on industrial development and the latest innovations and waste streams reflect the way we live
- Some waste is from sustainable sources where others are not and therefore it is essential to manage waste properly in order to make the best use of the resources available

# Why?

- If we don't manage waste properly things we take for granted will eventually no longer exist so it is in everyone's interest to conserve what we can
- Reduce waste where possible and recycle waste at suitable recycling facilities
- All waste should be stored and disposed of responsibly and only handled or dealt with by companies licensed to deal with it
- Waste generated on all sites must be classified as: Hazardous or Non-Hazardous (General/Controlled) waste and managed accordingly
- A waste file should be set up to include as a minimum signed copies of transfer notes, (general/controlled waste/non hazardous) and consignment notes (hazardous waste) applicable to the site



### Do



- ✓ Keep waste to a minimum
- ☑ Recycle or reuse where possible
- Segregate waste into the correct categories
- ☑ Pick up waste you see lying around
- Check that those collecting waste are registered
- Make sure the proper forms are completed when waste leaves site (e.g. transfer / consignment notes)
- ☑ Wear suitable PPE when handling waste
- ☑ Wash your hands after handling waste

### **Don't**



- ☑ Drink or eat with dirty hands
- Attempt to move heavy loads get help
- Damage containers or put waste in the wrong container
- Mix waste products
- Allow a build-up of waste to occur in any area



