

Stay safe: hoses and couplings

By safely disposing of your liquid waste, you are helping to protect the natural environment. But it's important to protect yourself and others too.

Using defective hoses or couplings can be extremely dangerous due to the high risk of sudden sprays of pressurised sewage sludge.

Not only can this result in cuts and bruises, broken bones and loss of eyesight, you can also develop severe illness due to the ingestion of sewage.

Five top tips to stay safe when using hoses and couplings on site:

1. Carry out regular visual checks for cuts or tears
2. Carry spare O rings and replace them if necessary
3. Do not tape any cuts or tears in the hose
4. Report defective hoses and equipment to site operatives
5. Wear full personal protective equipment including eye protection.

To ensure your safety, you are not permitted to discharge waste at our sites if you have defective hoses or couplings. This includes any equipment that has temporary repairs.

If you do notice a defect, please contact our Waste Team on 0330 123 1331.

