

## POISONS CONTROL INFORMATION SHEET

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### ***STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF SCHEDULE 8 SUBSTANCES***

The *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act* ('the Act') provides for the regulation of the storage and disposal of Schedule 8 (S8) substances. The details of these arrangements are described in the Regulations.

#### **Standards for storage and transport of Schedule 8 substances**

- (1) The relevant Code, as in force from time to time, applies in relation to the storage and transport of S8 substances.
- (2) A person must comply with and not contravene the relevant Code.  
Penalty: If the offender is a natural person – 100 penalty units.  
If the offender is a body corporate – 500 penalty units.
- (3) In this regulation – 'relevant Code' means the instrument entitled 'Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of S8 substances' published by the Department of Health and Families.

#### **Disposal of Schedule 8 substances**

- (1) A person permitted by the Act to supply S8 substances must not dispose of those substances unless the disposal is witnessed by one of the following persons:
  - a) an inspector;
  - b) a veterinarian;
  - c) a person registered under the Health Practitioners Act in any of the following categories of health practice:
    - (i) Aboriginal health work;
    - (ii) medicine;
    - (iii) nursing;
    - (iv) optometry;
    - (v) dentistry;
    - (vi) midwifery;
    - (vii) pharmacy.

Penalty: If the offender is a natural person – 100 penalty units, if the offender is a body corporate – 500 penalty units.

- (2) The person disposing of the S8 substances must record and sign the disposal in an approved form, and include the signature of a witness.

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The code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Schedule 8 Substances can be obtained from the Poisons Control website [www.nt.gov.au/health/poisonscontrol](http://www.nt.gov.au/health/poisonscontrol)

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