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- Provincial Secretaries of Health
- Provincial Directors of Health Services /Regional Directors of Health Services
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- Heads of Institutions /Medical Officers of Health
- Director/ NIHS

Management of Electronics Waste in Hospitals

Electronic waste (e-waste) is defined as discarded electrical or electronic equipment or all waste containing electrically powered components. This is also known as WEEE (Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment)

Disposing of electronic waste by burring or open burning can be hazardous to health and environment because it contains toxic chemicals and heavy metals.

The Central Environmental Authority has registered e -waste collectors for recycling purposes and assures environmental friendly processes. Therefore when condemning boards are dealing with e -waste it is advised to categorize them under "S" (sale) and not to oategorize under "D" (discard) considering the environmental impacts.

Head of the institutions should take measures to sell e -waste to the registered e -waste collectors according to the laid down guidelines.

Further clarifications regarding this could be obtained from Directorate of Environmental & Occupational Health - Tel No/ Fax - 2672004

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