### RA06 Use of Skips

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<td>Fire – placing hot materials into skip or leaving it accessible to others</td>
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<td>• Fires must not be deliberately started in skips.</td>
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| Traffic accidents caused by incorrect sitting of skips or from falling materials | Technicians, site users, pedestrians    | • Wherever possible, skips should be sited in secure areas away from public access  
• Do not overfill skips but only load according to the skip hire company’s recommendations.                                                                 | Low                          |
| Bacterial infection - presence of vermin                               | Technicians, site users, pedestrians    | • Skips used for any substance which may attract vermin must be emptied regularly and before significant decomposition of foodstuffs etc. takes place                                                                 | Low                          |
| Dust – when used with waste chutes                                     | Technicians, site users, pedestrians    | • When used with debris chutes, skips must be covered to prevent materials and dust escaping. Where chutes are near areas of public access, they must be barriered off and a watchman posted  
• If significant amounts of combustible materials are to be disposed of, consider using a covered skip                                                                 | Low                          |
| Lifting of skips by use of crane – failure of loading points or failure of skip structure, causing materials to fall | Technicians, site users, pedestrians    | • Do not overfill skips but only load according to the skip hire company’s recommendations.  
• Ensure skips are removed as soon as practicable after they become full  
• Skips should only be lifted by a crane where permission has been sought from the Hire Company, that the skip is designed and safe to be lifted. Should there be any signs of significant corrosion in the base of the skip or at the lifting points, the skip must not be lifted                                                                 | Low                          |
| Hazards associated with the delivery and removal of skips | Technicians, site users, pedestrians | • Wherever possible, skips should be sited in secure areas away from public access  
• Skips must, where practicable, be sited on firm, level ground.  
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