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How to securely tie a health and care risk waste bag

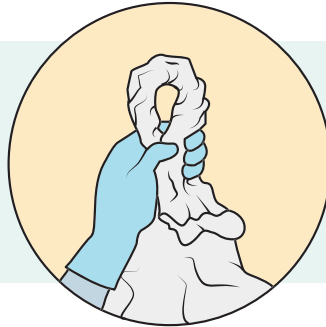
The 'swan-neck' method

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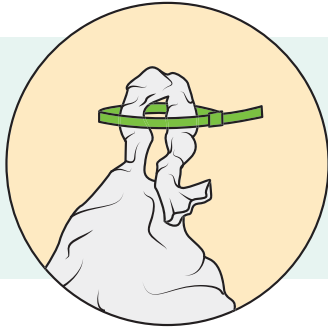
When the bag is filled to the warning line (or two thirds) twist the excess at the top of the bag

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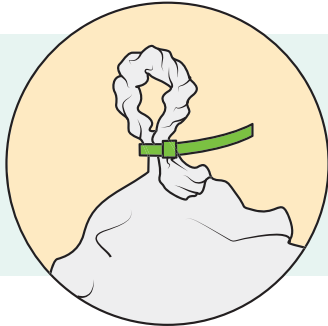
Double over and
hold the twist firmly

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Pass the method of fastening
(e.g. cable tie) over the twisted
neck of the bag

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Tighten the fastening to create
an effective seal. This is the
swan-neck method



Bags should be
filled no more than
two thirds full



Do not use for the
disposal of sharps or
rigid items likely to
puncture the bag



Do not use for
the disposal of
free liquids