



**COULD THIS BE YOURS?**

**GETTING SOME WORK  
DONE? DON'T LET THIS  
BECOME YOUR FAULT**

If you're a homeowner or a professional builder and you're having unwanted items such as household furniture or building waste removed, **it's down to you to check** the company you use is licensed.

If you don't and the waste is found dumped illegally, then **you could be prosecuted** and face an unlimited fine.



**Flytipping is not only a terrible blight on the countryside, every year it costs thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money to remove and investigate incidents.**

You can help us crack down on this growing problem by making sure your waste is removed by someone with the correct licence.

If you don't and that waste is found dumped illegally on the side of the road or in a public space, you could end up in court because, in the eyes of the law, you didn't fulfil your duty of care.

**This is true whether you are a builder employing someone to take the waste away or a homeowner whose waste it is originally.**



**HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP KEEP YOUR WASTE SAFE:**

**ASK TO SEE A LICENCE:** All waste carriers must be licensed by the Environment Agency.

**ASK FOR A RECEIPT:** This should give a description of the waste and the waste carrier's contact details.

**AVOID PAYING BY CASH:** Carriers who are not legitimate businesses will often ask to be paid in cash.

**BE WARY OF ANYONE WHO OFFERS TO 'DO YOU A FAVOUR':** If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

**IS SOMETHING NOT RIGHT?:** Make a note of the vehicle registration number and report it to our Environmental Health team.

You can find licensed waste carriers in your neighbourhood, just by calling the Environment Agency on **03708 506 506** or by going online to [www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information)

**For more information and useful links, go to [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/couldthisbeyours](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/couldthisbeyours) or call our Environmental Health team on **020 8207 2277****  
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