

## **Hazard Alert**

### **Disposal of Photocopier/Printer Toner**

There have been several situations where cleaners emptying bins have been exposed to clouds of photocopier toner because the toner had been emptied loose into the bins by users. Although photocopier toner when used properly is of little hazard, it can be highly irritating if inhaled in substantial quantities. The health concern with this practice relates specifically to the aggravation of asthma and other sensitive respiratory conditions.

Please ensure that all photocopier/printer toner is disposed of so as to avoid exposure of cleaners to loose toner powder. This can be done either by resealing containers with screw-top lids or placing the toner in robust plastic bags which are securely sealed.

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