## Consumers Are Concerned About Potential Impacts of Medical Waste

Compared to healthcare providers (HCPs), consumers are even more concerned about the impacts and risks of ineffective regulated medical waste management and disposal. The vast majority of healthcare consumers surveyed in the 2023 Healthcare Workplace Safety Trend Report also recognize the importance of an effective medical waste management strategy. In total, 98% say it is at least somewhat critical. Forty-six percent say it is 'extremely critical,' and 22% say it is 'the most critical factor'.

Of those surveyed,

80% OF

HCP

76% OF

**ADMINISTRATORS** 

90%

**HEALTHCARE CONSUMERS** 

report that proper medical waste management is at least very critical in maintaining a safe healthcare environment

Of those surveyed,

90% OF

**HCPs** 

96% OF

**ADMINISTRATORS** 

90% OF

**HEALTHCARE CONSUMERS** 

agree that medical waste management is important to delivering the best possible patient care



Responding HCPs, administrators, and consumers are 'extremely' or 'very concerned' about medical waste management's:

Impact on the **environment** 

HCPs 55%

Administrators 78%

Healthcare Consumers 78%

Risk to patient health and safety

HCPs 51%

Administrators 849

Healthcare Consumers 82%

Risk to **HCP health and safety** 

HCPs 49%

Administrators 85%

Healthcare Consumers 81%

Impact on community

HCPs 43%

Administrators 82%

Healthcare Consumers 74%

