

What You **Need to Know** About the Mpox Virus

ABOUT MPOX

Mpox is a viral disease. It causes mild illness, and symptoms resolve within a few weeks. In rare cases, severe infections and death can occur.

MPOX SYMPTOMS



FEVER HEAT



HEADACHE



MUSCLE PAIN



BACKACHE



SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES



CHILLS



EXHAUSTION



RASH

HOW IS MPOX WASTE CLASSIFIED AND PACKAGED?

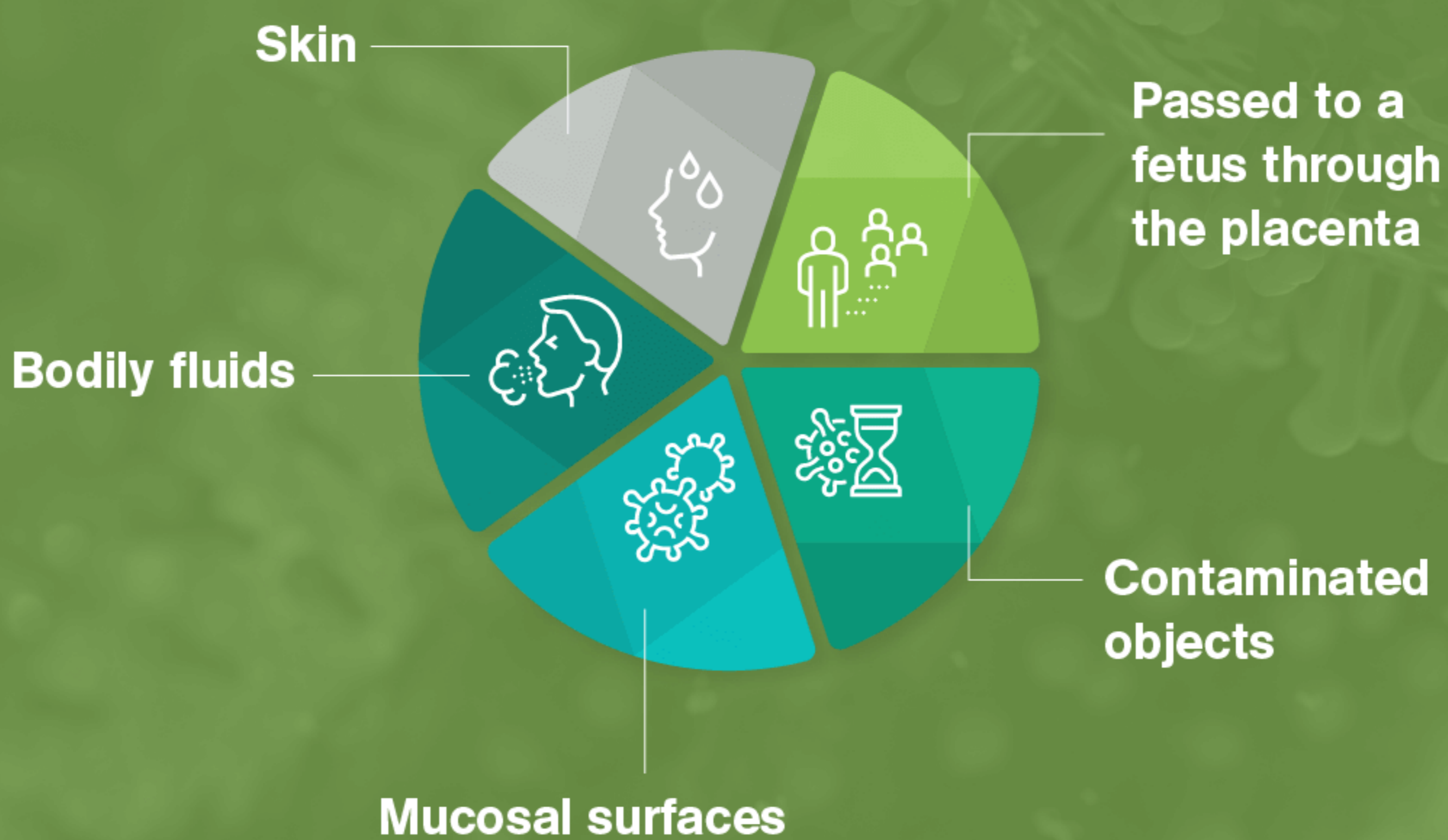
The Department for Transport published Multilateral Agreement M347, permitting mpox waste to be classified as Category B infectious waste. This distinction allows for more streamlined waste management practices compared to the complex packaging mandated for Category A waste.

- Mpox waste is classified as **Category B infectious waste**
- **Use orange infectious waste sacks** for disposal, as recommended by HTM 07-01
- **Store mpox waste separate** to all other waste streams
- **Ensure proper labelling** and documentation, adhering to M347 requirements
- **Avoid overclassification** to reduce cost and environmental impact



HOW IT SPREADS

Mpox can spread through close contact including sexual contact with someone who has the virus. For example:



PREVENTING MPOX



Stay at home when sick



Cover coughs and sneezes



Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects



Wash your hands regularly