

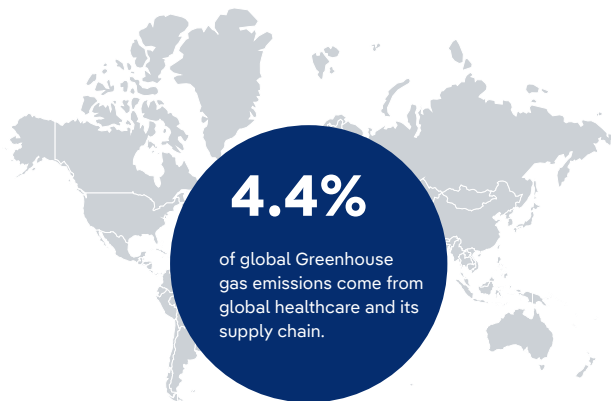
We take responsibility

Reducing environmental impact through sustainable design and processes for Hospital Consumables and Accessories

Sustainability and continuous development are essential parts of our DNA and company history at Dräger. For us, our guiding principle of „Technology for Life“ means taking responsibility. We are working on creating sustainable products, optimising recycling processes and reducing unnecessary packaging material in order to sustainably reduce waste.

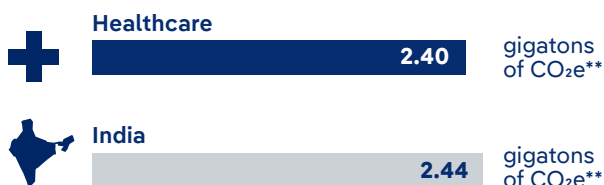
Healthcare and the climate

In 2015, global healthcare and its supply chain was responsible for 2.4 gigatons of greenhouse gas emissions*, measured in CO₂ equivalents.



Sources: The Lancet, Our World in Data, Health Care without Harm

If healthcare was a country, it would be the world's 5th largest emitter.



* includes emissions of scope 1, 2 and 3 ** based on data from 2015

Healthcare and waste

Gloves, masks and syringes: healthcare produces high volumes of waste.



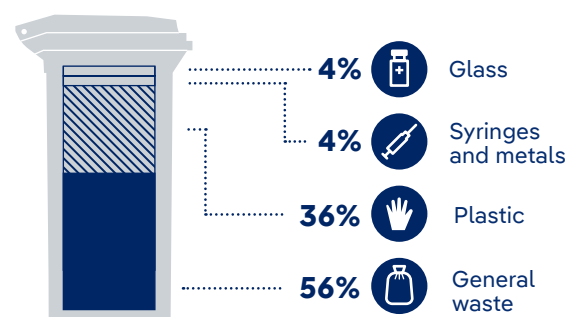
US hospitals produce more than **8kg of waste** per bed per day.



In Germany, hospitals are the **5th largest producer** of waste.

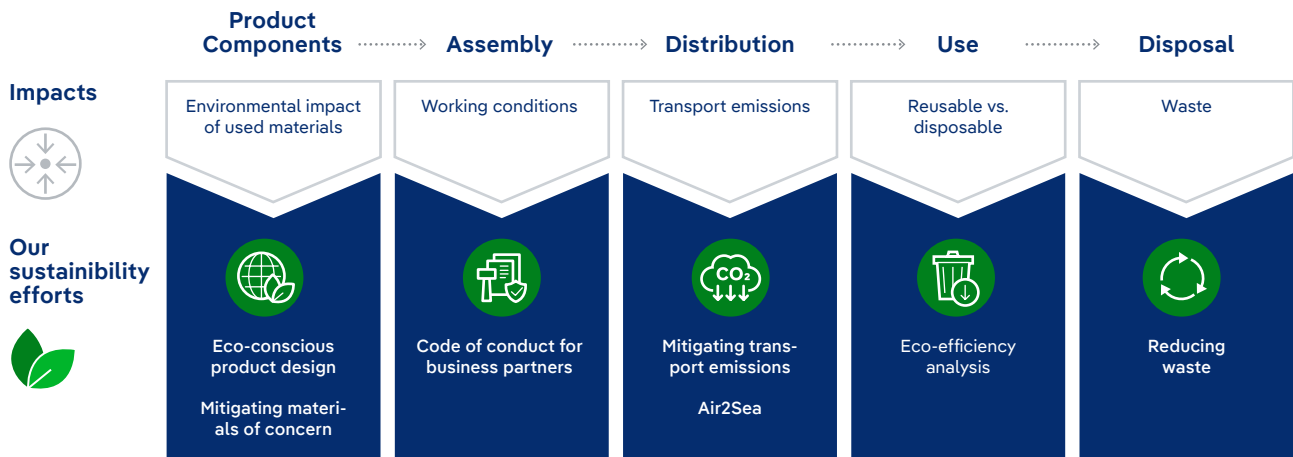
Sources: Critical Reviews in Environmental Science and Technology, Practice Greenhealth, WHO

Composition of medical waste



Our efforts to reduce the environmental impact

Emissions are not the only sustainability challenge of HCA products. We aim to make healthcare consumables and accessories sustainable across the whole product life cycle:

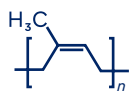


Eco-conscious product design

“Improving acute care” also means that we focus more strongly on sustainability. We have therefore introduced a process that considers sustainable design at the earliest stages of the development of new products and systems.

Mitigating materials of concern

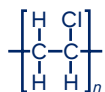
For many years, we have minimised the usage of substances of concern. Nearly all of our hospital consumables and accessories are now free of latex, PVC and DEHP.



Natural latex:
Natural rubber



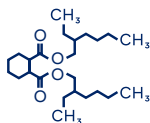
Causes allergic reactions



PVC: Third-most-used polymer



Potentially dangerous in combination with plasticisers



DEHP: Plasticisers



Carcinogenic and toxic



DEHP free

If PVC cannot be replaced, it is used without DEHP.



Code of Conduct for Business Partners

According to UNICEF, 1 in 10 children worldwide are subject to child labour. The ILO reports that 700 million people are living in poverty despite being employed. The Dräger code of conduct for business partners, prohibits and regulates, amongst other things:



No child labour

Sources: ILO, Unicef



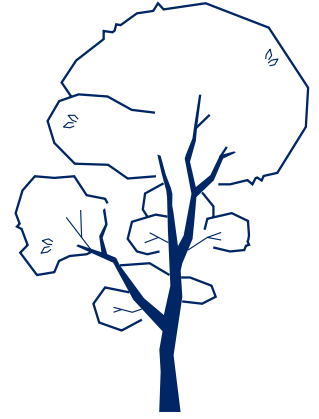
No forced labour



No discrimination



Occupational health and safety



Environmental protection



Mitigating transport emissions

To mitigate emissions in a meaningful way, we produce several high-volume products like breathing filters and Soda Lime in Germany, sourcing from local suppliers in Europe.



Sea



Air



Air freight emits up to 144 times more CO₂ per kilometre than sea freight. That is why we reduce our levels of air freight for consumables and accessories when transporting in **14 distant country markets**.

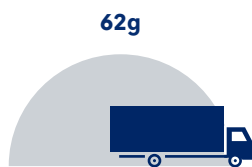
Comparison of typical CO₂ emissions between modes of transport

● Grams of CO₂ equivalents per ton and per km



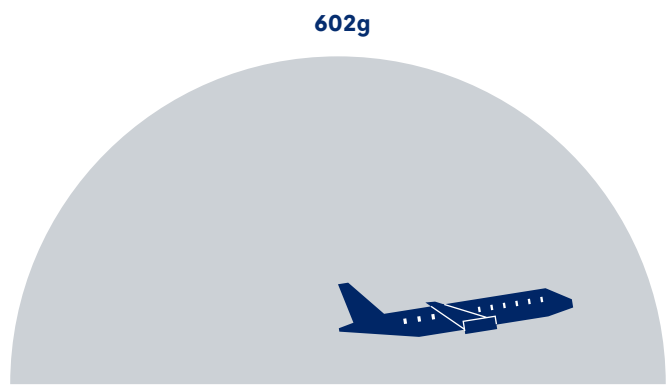
8g

Large container vessel



62g

Truck



602g

Plane

Source: ECTA

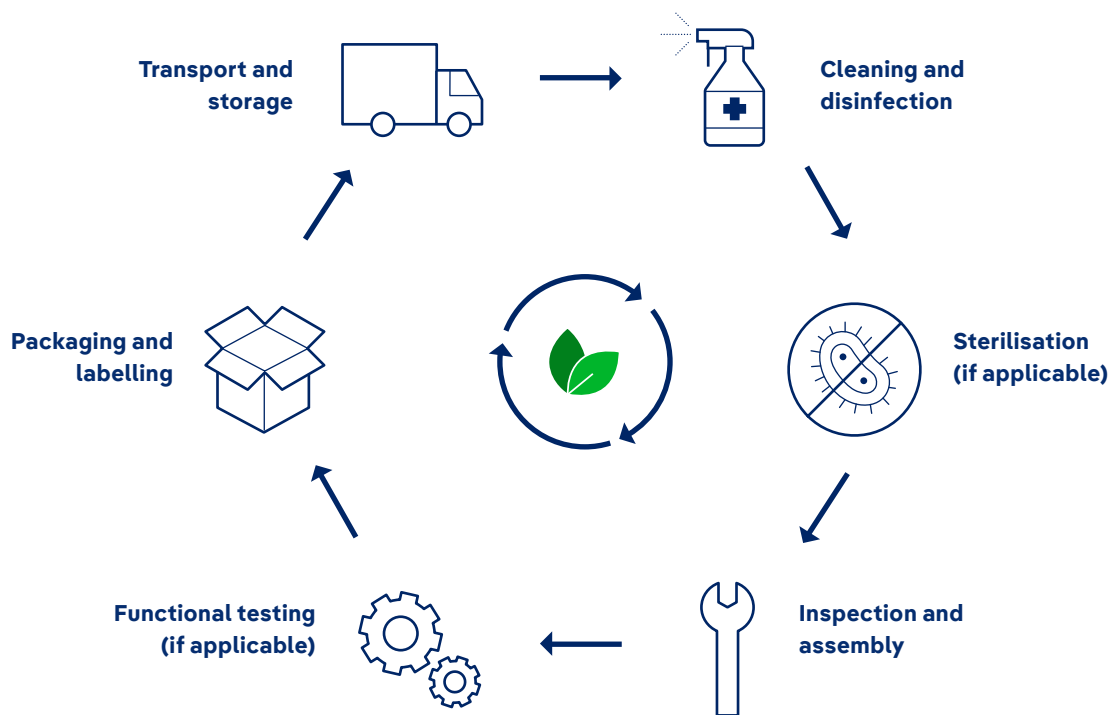


Eco-efficiency analysis

Our eco-efficiency analysis for accessory products* carried out by the German environmental institute *bifa*, sheds light on all ecological aspects. In this way, we support you in making holistic, well-founded decisions with regard to sustainability.

Is reprocessing for multi-patient use eco-efficient?

Reprocessing is a multi-step process that is often energy intensive. For articles that are needed in large quantities, a decision in favour of reusable articles seems logical. However, this does not always make ecological sense. And it has to be defined in each case.



The reprocessing of products can have a great influence on the CO₂ footprint.

Resource and energy consumption and the eutrophication of soil and water must also be taken into account.

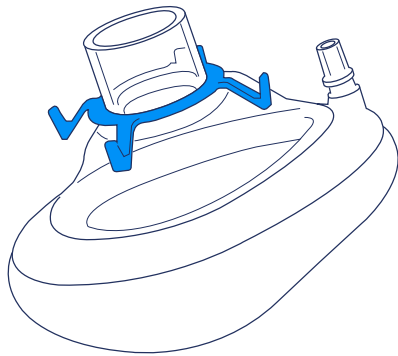
The question as to whether disposable or reusable is more ecological cannot be answered in a general way and must be decided individually.

* available for Germany



Reducing waste

Large amounts of waste are generated during the medical care of patients. Dräger is working on creating sustainable products, optimising recycling processes and reducing unnecessary packaging material in order to sustainably reduce waste. This is how we make our contribution.



Saving plastics with anesthesia masks

By making features that are rarely used optional, we avoid unnecessary waste even in the design. For example, take the SediStar® and LiteStar® polycarbonate hook ring: **1 million** hook rings **>2 g** saving **>2 metric tons** of plastic per year

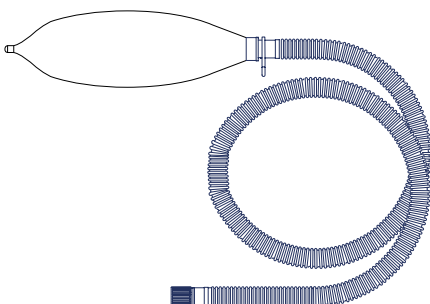
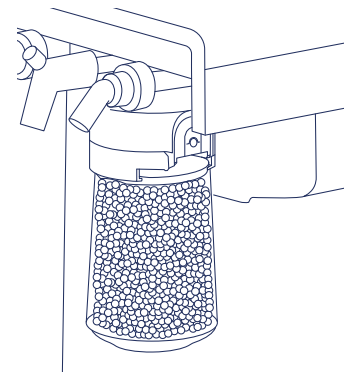
Increased recycling

We try to curb our share with eco-efficient designs and new recycling projects.



Saving CO₂ with Soda lime recycling

Soda lime is already being withdrawn and recycled in Germany and it is planned to roll this out in other countries. **77 tons** of soda lime were recycled in 2021 saving **33 metric tons** of CO₂.



Recycling trials

A recycling trial for breathing circuits is underway in cooperation with a German university hospital. A selection of products is collected at hospitals and given to a recycling company.



All our measures follow a common goal: “As a family entrepreneur, the things I do today, I want to be able to explain to my children tomorrow.”

Stefan Dräger, Chairman of the Executive Board