

Need to Ship Hazardous Materials?

Federal and international regulations strictly regulate the transport of hazardous materials. Penalties and fines for errors (even minor mistakes) are severe. Examples of regulated hazardous material shipments are those containing:

- ➔ Dry Ice
- ➔ Diagnostic Specimens
- ➔ Infectious Substances
- ➔ Compressed Gases
- ➔ Radioactive Materials
- ➔ Chemical Test Kits
- ➔ Oxidizing Materials
- ➔ Toxic Materials
- ➔ Corrosive Materials
- ➔ Flammable Solids or Liquids
- ➔ Explosives
- ➔ Certain cleaners, paints, etc.

While transportation of hazardous materials by Ball State employees-- in university-owned vehicles, on university business-- is not governed by DOT regulations, the individual must still be trained in the hazards of the materials and handle them safely. However, shipment or movement of these materials “in commerce”—on public roads or using public carriers is closely regulated.

Shipments by highway, air, rail, or water of any of these material categories must be properly packaged, marked, and labeled. The proper documents for the shipment must be precisely completed. Not all carriers or transportation modes can accept certain, or sometimes any, hazardous materials. Shipments may only be made by persons who have completed approved training and have been certified as HazMat shippers by the University.

Help is available!

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