

Common Items that May Be Hazardous

Descriptions that Indicate Dangerous Goods:

Watch for any of the following descriptions that could indicate Dangerous Goods or Hazardous Materials:

- Acidic
- Caustic
- Combustible Communicable
- Compressed Gas
- Corrosive
- Explosive
- Flammable
- Infectious
- Inflammable
- Poison
- Radioactive
- Refrigerated
- Toxic
- Volatile

Specific Term Potential Hazard:

Certain specific terms may also be clues that dangerous goods and/or hazardous materials may be present. The table below identifies such trigger terms and the potential hazards they may indicate.

- **Air Bags** May contain Air Bag Inflators, or Air Bag Modules or Seat-Belt Pretensioner.
- **Air Conditioning Equipment** May contain gases under pressure.
- **Aircraft Parts** May contain such items as fuel control devices which cannot be fully purged of fuel and must be shipped regulated.
- **Auto Parts** May include carburetors, gas lines, or gas tanks which may contain gasoline.
- **Barometers** May indicate the presence of mercury.
- **Batteries** Come in a variety of sizes and types. Several types of batteries are regulated as hazardous materials, including spillable lead-acid batteries, many lithium batteries, etc. Positive protection against short circuits is essential, even for batteries that are not subject to applicable Hazardous Materials Regulations. (See Additional Battery Guidance below)
- **Breathing Apparatus** May mean oxygen cylinders under pressure.
- **Bull Semen** May signal the presence of dry ice or liquefied gas.
- **Camping Gear/Equipment** May include many different dangerous items such as: ammunition, batteries, cooking stoves, flammable gas, fire starting pastes, flammable liquids, heat producing packets, lighters, matches (both strike anywhere and safer), type), signal flares, STERNO cooking/heating fuel (the structural tubing on certain types of back packs contains liquid fuels).
- **Chain Saws and other powered tools** will most likely contain a residue of fuel.

- **Chemical Oxygen** May indicate the presence of an oxygen generator.
- **Cigarette Lighters Including Lighters or Lighter Refills or Torches** may contain flammable gas or flammable liquid.
- **Computer Equipment** May contain interruptible power supplies with electrical storage batteries, magnets in speakers and printing ink.
- **Construction Equipment** May indicate the presence of batteries, CO2 cartridges, and other power devices, gasoline powered saws or generators and space heaters all possibly containing fuel, Liquefied Petroleum gas larches, paints, drying agents and thinners.
- **Cosmetics** May contain flammable liquids.
- **Cryogenic** (liquid) means a liquefied gas of very low temperature, which must be shipped as a regulated item.
- **Cylinder/Container/Tank** May contain flammable or non-flammable compressed gases.
- **Dental Apparatus/Equipment** May contain hazardous chemicals such as resins, solvents, or gases.
- **Drilling and Mining Equipment** May contain explosives, acids, lubricants, mercury or other dangerous goods.
- **Electrical/Electronic Equipment** May contain powerful magnets, mercury in switches, anyone of a variety of batteries and uninterruptible power supplies containing electrical storage batteries. (See Additional Battery Guidance below)
- **Electrically Powered Apparatus** May contain wet electric storage batteries, or lithium batteries. Even if batteries are excepted from regulations, they must be positively protected against short circuits.
- **Engine Parts** May include carburetors, gas lines, or gas tanks which may contain fuel or fuel residue.
- **Fertilizer** Ammonium nitrate, may be an oxidizer.
- **Fire Extinguishers or Fire Fighting Equipment** May contain gases under pressure or gasoline engine powered equipment.
- **Frozen Food** May contain dry ice. Gas May indicate the presence of a flammable liquid, such as gasoline, a flammable gas or nonflammable gas.
- **Household Goods** May include paints, bleaches, spray cans under pressure, and numerous other dangerous items. Ice Maker May contain gases under pressure.
- **Hunting Supplies** May contain small arms ammunition or other camping related items.
- **Laundry Supplies** may mean strong bleaches or oxidizing fabric treatments.
- **Lawn Equipment** Such as, but not limited to, lawn mowers and weed trimmers may contain hazardous materials in the form offuels and/or batteries.

- **Machinery Parts** May include adhesives, paints, sealants, solvents or other chemicals and gases.
- **Medical Supplies** May contain flammable or corrosive chemicals, infectious substances or radioactive materials.
- **Mercury Or the term "mercurial"** may indicate a shipment that is regulated.
- **Motorized Equipment** which may contain gasoline or electric batteries.
- **Office Supplies** May contain aerosols, both flammable and non-flammable printing ink, uninterruptible power supplies containing electrical storage batteries.
- **Oxygen Generator** means a prohibited chemical device that generates oxygen and a large amount of heat.
- **Passenger Service Unit (PSU)** May indicate the presence of an oxygen generator as utilized in an aircraft.
- **Perfume May contain** flammable liquids.
- **Pharmaceuticals** May include flammable liquids, radioactive medicines, or other hazardous chemicals.
- **Photographic Supplies** Could contain acids, corrosive materials, bleaches, or poisonous materials.
- **Rechargeable Drills, Screwdrivers and other hand tools** May contain lithium batteries. (See Batteries for additional information)
- **Refrigeration Equipment** May contain gases under pressure.
- **Repair Kits** May contain adhesives, paints, solvents, flammable gases, or other dangerous goods.
- **Laboratory, Testing Equipment, or Samples** May contain any number of dangerous goods.
- **Survey Equipment** May indicate the presence of electrical equipment, batteries, power cartridges, and other regulated materials.