

Shipping: Hazardous Material Description

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If you are shipping something that could be hazardous, read the following description.

Regulations

UCSD conforms to strict government regulations when transporting hazardous materials. Shipments must arrive at their destination in good condition and present no hazard during shipment. Prior to shipping any hazardous material, you must contact the Shipping Coordinator through the BFS Support webportal (see link below).

Definition

The U.S. Department of Transportation and the International Air Transportation Association (IATA) define hazardous material as substances capable of posing a risk to health, safety, or to property when transported.

Following are examples of commonly shipped materials that are considered hazardous:

- Battery powered equipment
- **Biological substances**
- Contents of first aid kits
- Diagnostic specimens
- **Dry ice**
- Environmentally hazardous substances
- Explosives, gases, and flammable liquids
- Flammable solids (substances liable to spontaneous combustion or substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases)
- Genetically modified organisms and micro-organisms
- Infectious substances
- Inflatable life saving appliances
- Magnetized material
- Many consumer commodities such as aerosols and lighters
- Oxidizing substances and organic peroxide
- Toxic substances

If you require assistance with the shipping of hazardous material, visit:

blink.ucsd.edu/facilities/services/shipping/hazardous/description.html and select *BFSSupport* at the bottom of the page.