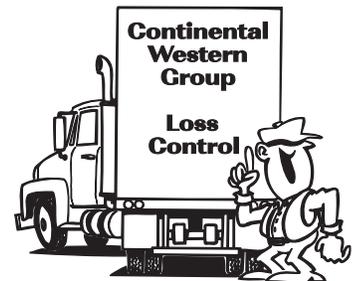


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## Hazardous Materials

### Carrier & Shipper Responsibilities

Listed below are the major responsibilities of Hazardous Materials shippers.

**Shipper Responsibilities:** (include but not limited to)

- Determine whether a material meets the definition of a Hazardous Material
- Proper shipping name
- Class / division
- Identification number
- Hazard warning label
- Packaging
- Marking
- Employee Training
- Shipping papers
- Emergency response information
- Emergency response telephone number
- Incident reporting

Identification of a hazardous material is the first step, and is frequently the most difficult. It is from the proper identification of the hazardous material upon which the other requirements are based.

Listed below are the major responsibilities of Hazardous Materials **carriers**.

### Carrier Responsibilities:

- Shipping papers
- Placard and mark vehicle
- Loading and unloading
- Compatibility of various materials
- Blocking and bracing
- Incident reporting
- Security plan
- Employee training

As you can see, responsibilities of shippers and carriers often overlap. It is the motor carrier's responsibility to insure that the material offered by the shipper is properly described and packaged, that the cargo space of the vehicle is suitable for the material being shipped, and that the vehicle itself is in sound mechanical condition.

Security plan and training requirements can be found at the CWG website. Please visit [www.cwgins.com](http://www.cwgins.com), click on Loss Control, then Security Plan Regulation for Hazmat Carriers.

If you are handling hazardous materials, you must be following these regulations. For more information on the hazmat regulations, please go to [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov) and click on Hazardous Materials.

Not knowing the regulations or ignoring them can result in civil penalties ranging from \$275 to \$32,500. If you are not sure if you are in total compliance or not, it is best to make sure **before** you accept the shipment.

