

HAZMATS AT HOME



FIRE SAFETY FACTS

**A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM
THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE
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HAZMATS is short for...

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

AND THEY AREN'T JUST
STORED IN WAREHOUSES
OR TRANSPORTED ON
HIGHWAYS OR BY RAILCAR

HAZMATS CAN BE FOUND IN
YOUR HOME OR APARTMENT!

- AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS
- HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS
- LAUNDRY PRODUCTS
- HEALTH AND BEAUTY AIDS
- LAWN AND GARDEN
- COOKING AND BARBECUE
- HOME IMPROVEMENT

THEY CAN CONTAIN TOXIC,
IGNITABLE, CORROSIVE,
AND REACTIVE-IF-MIXED
WITH OTHER MATERIALS.



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TYPES OF HAZMATS

CORROSIVES...metal cleaners, oven cleaners, rust removers, drain cleaner.

IGNITABLES...small cans of gasoline, propane tanks, home heating oil, lighter fluid, ammunition, matches, anything with alcohol as an ingredient.

REACTIVES...these generally represent a threat that when combined with other materials.

TOXIC...usually identified by this symbol and harmful to humans.



HAZMAT AT HOME HINTS

- *Only buy what you need for the job. Avoid storage.*
- *Keep original containers. Label contents.*
- *Buy products with safety caps and closures.*
- *Never store flammables in direct sunlight.*
- *Store flammable pesticides in a locked bin.*
- *Inspect containers and storage area regularly.*
- *Keep home hazmats out of the reach of children.*
- *Dispose of solvents responsibly.*
- *Do Not store chemicals near food.*

...and when a natural disaster strikes

- *Know how to shut off your natural gas supply.*
- *Chain propane tanks to prevent flood float away.*
- *Always install flexible fuel supply lines.*
- *Design storage shelving to prevent spills.*
- *Secure storage sheds to prevent flood float away.*
- *Remember be prepared **BEFORE** disaster strikes.*

FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY

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