



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY TIP

EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION

Railcars Containing Hazardous Materials

A train crew cannot accept a hazardous material rail car for transportation unless emergency response information is provided and available for use at all times. The emergency response information and an emergency response telephone number must be available for government officials responding to or investigating an incident involving hazardous materials (49CFR 172.600).

Emergency Response Information Must Include:

- Basic description and technical name
- Immediate hazards to health
- Risks of fire or explosion
- Immediate methods for handling fire
- Immediate precautions to be taken
- Preliminary first aid measures
- Initial methods for handling leaks and spills in the absence of fire

Emergency Response Information Must Be:

- Printed legibly in English
- Available for use away from the rail car either in the locomotive cab or with a crew member
- Presented on a shipping paper (if not, it must be on a Safety Data Sheet or similar document)
- Immediately accessible to train crew personnel

Emergency Response Telephone Number:

- A telephone number, with area code, for use in an emergency involving the hazardous material
- The phone number must be monitored at all times the hazardous material is in transportation by:
 - A person who is knowledgeable of the material and can provide comprehensive emergency response and mitigation information; or
 - Has immediate access to someone who can provide this information
- Must be entered on a shipping paper immediately following the description of the hazardous material

Carrier Information and Notification

- Rail carriers must instruct operators of trains to immediately notify them (radio or telephone) in the event of an incident involving a hazardous material.