

# HAZMATS AT HOME



FIRE SAFETY FACTS

**A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM  
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SAFETY AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE**

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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.*

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