

Hazardous Material Shipping

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) enacts and enforces all hazardous materials (HAZMAT) transportation laws in the United States. Compliance with DOT regulations is a requirement for any person who offers hazardous material for transportation. Staff members in the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) department have been trained and are available to help WPI departments in ensuring HAZMAT shipments are properly packaged, marked, labeled, and have appropriate shipping papers.

DOT Regulations

The applicable regulations are found in 49 CFR Parts 171-180 and apply to anyone at WPI who fills, marks or labels packages containing hazardous materials, or who prepares shipping papers, or loads a vehicle. The regulations apply if a material meets the criteria found in the hazardous material tables, 49 CFR Subpart B, Section 172.101.

Shipping Dry Ice

Packages containing dry ice must allow for the release and venting of gaseous carbon dioxide. Only personnel with DOT HAZMAT training can ship packages containing dry ice. EHS staff members can assist with the shipment of a package containing dry ice.

Useful Links

The following links should be useful for obtaining additional information on shipping hazardous materials.

- The US Department of Transportation: www.dot.gov
- US DOT Office of Hazardous Material Safety: www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat
- US DOT HAZMAT Information Center: www.phmsa.gov/hazmat/info-center

Contact Information

If you need assistance with shipping a HAZMAT package, please contact the WPI Environmental Health and Safety Department at EHS@wpi.edu.