

# SHIPPING HAZARDOUS SAMPLES FOR TESTING?

## *Important for Safety:* Mandatory Hazardous Sample Documents

**It is mandatory to include a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) with your sample if it is classified as hazardous.**

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is a comprehensive document that outlines essential information regarding the properties of a chemical substance or mixture.

SDSs play a vital role in ensuring the safe handling, testing, and disposal of samples that contain hazardous materials.

Although it is not always a legal requirement to accompany a hazardous sample with an SDS during transportation, it is widely regarded as best practice to provide one.

### *Why is this important?*

**1. Safety:** Providing a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) ensures that all individuals handling the sample, including laboratory personnel and emergency responders, have access to essential safety information.

**2. Compliance:** An SDS contains critical information required to adhere to regulations concerning the handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials.

**3. Proper Handling and Communication:** The SDS ensures that all parties involved are well-informed about potential hazards and the necessary precautions to take. Additionally, it outlines the optimal conditions for maintaining the stability of the samples. By adhering to the guidelines presented in an SDS, you can guarantee the safe and compliant storage or disposal of chemical samples, thereby safeguarding the product, individuals, and the environment.



**Hazardous shipping paper is also mandatory to accompany these samples in transit.**

### *What is included in this document?*

- 1. Basic Information:** This includes the identification number, proper shipping name, hazard class, packing group, and quantity of the material.
- 2. Emergency Response Information:** Contact details for emergency response, including a 24-hour emergency telephone number, must be provided.
- 3. Consignee Information:** This section contains the name, city, and state of the recipient, along with a package tracking number.
- 4. Shipper's Certification:** A declaration by the shipper confirming that the package has been prepared in accordance with applicable regulations.

These documents are essential in ensuring that all parties involved in the transportation process are fully aware of the potential hazards and understand how to handle them safely. The Department of Transportation mandates these requirements for all hazardous samples.