



# Transportation Development group

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## U.S. Dept of Transportation Hazardous Materials Training Requirements *Executive Briefing on the training requirements of 49 CFR 172.700*

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### What companies are effected by this law?

Any company that ships, offers for shipment, or accepts hazardous materials for transport. This includes companies such as brokers and forwarders who many not even physically handle the freight, but act as an “offeror” of hazmat to a carrier.

### What commodities are effected by this law?

Anything that is considered a hazardous material. Examples include: **ORM-D Consumer Commodities** such as Aerosols, Paint, Perfume or other items such as dry ice, batteries, cosmetics, safety equipment, medical or cleaning supplies. The list includes thousands of commonly shipped items.

### Which employees of mine have to be trained?

Any person who directly affect the safety of a hazmat in transportation including warehouse workers and drivers plus clerks who prepare the hazardous materials paperwork.

### When does this training have to be done?

All employers **MUST** train and **TEST every** hazardous materials employee within 90 days in the job. Recurrent training is required every three years (2 years under IATA/ICAO Air Rules) and may be required sooner if they change job categories. Temporary workers can work under the supervision of a trained employee for 90 days.

### What type of training is required?

The law requires these types of training:

- ✓ Function Oriented Training
- ✓ General Awareness Training
- ✓ Safety Training
- ✓ Hazmat Security Training

The degree of training that an employee requires is determined by his job responsibilities. A driver for example, may require "functional" training on loading and handling dangerous goods, cargo compatibility, shipping papers, and emergency response procedures, among others.

### How long does the training take?

General Awareness training and Security Training can be done in a few hours. “Function specific” training may take anywhere from a couple of hours to a few days, it depends on what’s being shipped.

### What does it mean to be “certified”

This means that the **employer** has certified that the employee is properly trained for their job function.

### Can I train my employees by computer?

Yes. We offer computer based training as well as conveniently scheduled classroom seminars.

### If I use a packing company, am I still liable?

**Absolutely.** Using a 3rd party does nothing to change your hazmat liability.

### What are the penalties for failure to comply?

\$32,500 per day, per violation is the maximum penalty. Most cases involve several different violations, i.e. an undeclared hazmat package involves no less than 6 separate violations (failure to identify, classify, pack, mark, label and document).

To view recent penalties visit **[hazmat-news.com](http://hazmat-news.com)**

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