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Dangerous goods are everywhere. Perfume, oil paint art kits, and laptop computers are all considered dangerous goods during transport. Under some circumstances these everyday items can harm people, property, and the environment. Protect your shipment and yourself by identifying dangerous goods and properly packaging and preparing every shipment.

Identify Your Shipment

Refer to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for the correct identification, classification (including UN or ID number), Proper Shipping Name, hazard class and, if applicable, subsidiary risk and Packing Group.

Package Your Shipments Correctly

Some dangerous goods have specific packaging, labeling, and marking requirements. All require a completed Shipper’s Declaration for Dangerous Goods form. For information on the proper shipment preparation for IATA and ICAO shipments of non-radioactive items, go to https://www.fedex.com/content/dam/fedex/us-united-states/services/DG_Job_Aid.pdf.

Protect Yourself

Shippers who do not prepare their packages according to IATA and ICAO regulations can be fined by regulatory authorities and may even face criminal prosecution and imprisonment. The federal government requires people to be trained and certified to handle and prepare dangerous goods shipments. FedEx conducts training seminars throughout the year. To view schedules and register for a seminar, go to https://fedex.registration.meetingevolution.net/.

Common Dangerous Goods

- Aerosols
- Ammunition
- Batteries (lithium and wet)
- Camping stoves
- Chemicals
- Drain cleaners
- Fireworks
- Lighters
- Matches
- Oil-based paint
- Parts (containing gasoline, jet fuel or kerosene)
- Perfume
- Propane
- Radioactive materials
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Dangerous Goods Update

The following items were recently identified as causing catastrophic incidents during transport:

- Oxygen generators/oxidizing cases
- Batteries of all types
- Flammable gas torches
- Gasoline-powered devices of all types
- Fireworks

Contacts and Resources

The FedEx Dangerous Goods/Hazardous Materials Hotline is prepared to answer your questions on the proper preparation of dangerous goods for shipment in the FedEx Express® network. Call 1.800.GoFedEx 1.800.463.3339 and press 81, or say “dangerous goods,” then press “4” to speak to the next available dangerous goods agent. In non-U.S. locations, contact your local FedEx Customer Service and ask to speak with a dangerous goods specialist.

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