

SF-2 CARE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

**MANDATORY
(ALL)**

A camp must require that gas and liquid flammables, explosives, livestock medications, and other hazardous materials be:

- Handled only by persons trained or experienced in their safe use and disposal, and stored appropriately:
 - ✓ With access limited to trained persons,
 - ✓ In closed, safe containers that are plainly labeled as to contents, and
 - ✓ In locations separate from food.

INTERPRETATION: Liquid flammables include gasoline, kerosene, and other liquid fuels. Poisonous materials include cleaning agents, insecticides, weed killers, or other substances labeled as poisonous. Medications used for livestock are often very potent due to the size of the animals for which they are developed. Such medications may be flavored or scented so that animals are more receptive to their use. To avoid accidental ingestion, campers should not have access to these items.

Individuals who are learning, under the direct supervision of trained personnel, to use flammable or hazardous materials are in compliance with the standard. Protective equipment, such as gloves and masks, must be provided when appropriate. Limiting access, to trained persons, includes storing materials in areas that are off-limits to all except designated staff, storing materials in locked buildings, rooms, cabinets, or containers, or training all participants on correct handling of certain materials such as kerosene for lanterns or bleach for cleaning. Whether stored in the same room or at different locations, it should be evident that hazardous materials can clearly be identified from other substances such as canned or boxed food. Directors may want to check with local officials for other recommendations concerning storage and handling of flammable or poisonous substances. Such local officials might include fire officials, insurance underwriters, and Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) staff.

"Safe disposal" may include information on proper disposal of containers and substances, as well as procedures for spills of toxic or poisonous substances. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), available from suppliers and manufacturers, provide information on safe handling and disposal of hazardous materials. Directors should be aware of local OSHA regulations regarding the availability and use of the MSDS.

Large, easily-recognizable, above-ground tanks such as propane or gas tanks do not need special labeling. The intent of labeling is to prevent accidental, inappropriate use of flammable or poisonous substances.

Does not apply if no flammable, explosive, poisonous materials, or livestock medications are used or stored on-site.

Applies to:

- Day camps
- Resident camps
- Short-term resident programs
- User-group programs

The *ACA Accreditation Standards Resource CD-ROM* should be consulted for information on storage and use of hazardous materials.

Note: Storage of horse medications is scored in Standard PH-10

COMPLIANCE DEMONSTRATION: Visitor observation of storage and handling of listed substances; director/staff description of handling procedures.

