

Emergency Response Information

Description:

Persons who offer for transportation, accept for transportation, transfer or otherwise handle hazardous materials during transportation are required by federal regulations to provide and maintain emergency response information immediately available for use at all times the hazardous material is present or transported. The information must include an emergency response telephone number immediately available to any person who, as a representative of a Federal, State or local government agency, responds to an incident involving a hazardous material, or is conducting an investigation that involves a hazardous material.

Regulatory Reference

Part 172, Subpart G Emergency Response Information

- 49 CFR § 172.600 Applicability and general requirements
- 49 CFR § 172.602 Emergency response information
- 49 CFR § 172.604 Emergency response telephone number
- 49 CFR § 172.606 Carrier information contact

Applies to:

The regulations apply to all shipments of LP-gas and to the operating company transporting LP-gas.

General Requirements:

- (1) 49 CFR § 172.602 has the following provisions:
 - (a) Information required. For purposes of this subpart, the term “emergency response information” means information that can be used in the mitigation of an incident involving hazardous materials and, as a minimum, must contain the following information:
 - (1) The basic description and technical name of the hazardous material as required by §§172. 202 and 172.203(k), the ICAO Technical Instructions, the IMDG Code, or the TDG Regulations, as appropriate;
 - (2) Immediate hazards to health;
 - (3) Risks of fire or explosion;
 - (4) Immediate precautions to be taken in the event of an accident or incident;
 - (5) Immediate methods for handling fires;
 - (6) Initial methods for handling spills or leaks in the absence of fire; and
 - (7) Preliminary first aid measures.

- (b) Form of information. The information required for a hazardous material by paragraph (a) of this section must be:
- (1) Printed legibly in English;
 - (2) Available for use away from the package containing the hazardous material; and
 - (3) Presented-
 - (i) On a shipping paper;
 - (ii) In a document, other than a shipping paper, that includes both the basic description and technical name of the hazardous material as required by §§172.202 and 172.203(k), the ICAO Technical Instructions, the IMDG Code, or the TDG Regulations, as appropriate, and the emergency response information required by this subpart (e.g., a material safety data sheet); or
 - (iii) Related to the information on a shipping paper, a written notification to pilot-in-command, or a dangerous cargo manifest, in a separate document (e.g., an emergency response guidance document), in a manner that cross-references the description of the hazardous material on the shipping paper with the emergency response information contained in the document. Aboard aircraft, the ICAO “Emergency Response Guidance for Aircraft Incidents Involving Dangerous Goods” and, aboard vessels, the IMO “Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods”, or equivalent documents, may be used to satisfy the requirements of this section for a separate document.
- (c) Maintenance of information. Emergency response information shall be maintained as follows:
- (1) Carriers. Each carrier who transports a hazardous material shall maintain the information specified in paragraph (a) of this section and §172.606 of this part in the same manner as prescribed for shipping papers, except that the information must be maintained in the same manner aboard aircraft as the notification of pilot-in-command, and aboard vessels in the same manner as the dangerous cargo manifest. This information must be immediately accessible to train crew personnel, drivers of motor vehicles, flight crew members, and bridge personnel on vessels for use in the event of incidents involving hazardous materials.
 - (2) Facility operators. Each operator of a facility where a hazardous material is received, stored or handled during transportation, shall maintain the information required by paragraph (a) of this section whenever the hazardous material is present. This information must be in a location that is immediately accessible to facility personnel in the event of an incident involving the hazardous material.
- (2) § 172.604 gives the following requirements regarding an emergency phone number.
- (a) A person who offers a hazardous material for transportation must provide an emergency response telephone number, including the area code or international access code, for use in the event of an emergency involving the hazardous material. The telephone number must be-

- (1) Monitored at all times the hazardous material is in transportation, including storage incidental to transportation;
 - (2) The number of a person who is either knowledgeable of the hazardous material being shipped and has comprehensive emergency response and incident mitigation information for that material, or has immediate access to a person who possesses such knowledge and information; and
 - (3) Entered on a shipping paper, as follows:
 - (i) Immediately following the description of the hazardous material required by subpart C of this part; or
 - (ii) Entered once on the shipping paper in a clearly visible location. This provision may be used only if the telephone number applies to each hazardous material entered on the shipping paper, and if it is indicated that the telephone number is for emergency response information (for example: "EMERGENCY CONTACT: * * *").
- (b) The telephone number required by paragraph (a) of this section must be the number of the person offering the hazardous material for transportation or the number of an agency or organization capable of, and accepting responsibility for, providing the detailed information concerning the hazardous material. A person offering a hazardous material for transportation who lists the telephone number of an agency or organization shall ensure that agency or organization has received current information on the material, as required by paragraph (a)(2) of this section before it is offered for transportation.
- (3) § 172.606 gives the following additional requirements:
- (a) Each carrier who transports or accepts for transportation a hazardous material for which a shipping paper is required shall instruct the operator of a motor vehicle, train, aircraft, or vessel to contact the carrier (e.g., by telephone or mobile radio) in the event of an incident involving the hazardous material.
 - (b) For transportation by highway, if a transport vehicle, (e.g., a semi-trailer or freight container-on-chassis) contains hazardous material for which a shipping paper is required and the vehicle is separated from its motive power and parked at a location other than a facility operated by the consignor or consignee or a facility (e.g., a carrier's terminal or a marine terminal) subject to the provisions of §172.602(c)(2), the carrier shall-
 - (1) Mark the transport vehicle with the telephone number of the motor carrier on the front exterior near the brake hose and electrical connections or on a label, tag, or sign attached to the vehicle at the brake hose or electrical connection; or
 - (2) Have the shipping paper and emergency response information readily available on the transport vehicle.
 - (c) The requirements specified in paragraph (b) of this section do not apply to an unattended motor vehicle separated from its motive power when the motor vehicle is marked on an orange panel, a placard, or a plain white square-on-point configuration with the identification number of each hazardous material loaded therein, and the marking or placard is visible on the outside of the motor vehicle.

Training Requirements:

Other than function-specific hazmat employee training, there are no specific training requirements required by the emergency response information regulations.

Maintenance and Review

Documented periodic examination of commercial motor vehicles used to transport LP-gas to verify the presence of proper shipping papers and emergency response information is an effective compliance method.