

The Definition of Hazardous Materials for the HBMP Program

The definition of “Hazardous Materials” for the HBMP program is very broad (Health and Safety Code Section 25501 (n)). Materials that meet the definition range from very dangerous materials such as explosives and toxic gases to much less hazardous materials, such as many soaps and detergents.

The definition includes:

- A substance or product for which the manufacturer or producer is required to prepare a Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
- Radioactive materials
- Materials listed by the Department of Transportation as hazardous materials
- Substances listed in Section 339 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations (virtually all require an SDS)
- Hazardous wastes
- Materials designated as hazardous by a local ordinance