

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY-PURDUE UNIVERSITY AT INDIANAPOLIS  
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY POLICY**

**Subject: Transportation of Hazardous Materials**

**Effective Date: February 1, 1997**

**Approved: Robert Martin, Vice Chancellor - Policy: 6**

**PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

Hazardous materials are widely used throughout the University. This use necessitates transportation of the material from one point to another. During this transportation process, the container is more vulnerable to breakage and spillage of material may result. When spilled, the hazardous materials often create unsafe conditions and interrupt normal activities and traffic. In order to reduce the chances of breakage during transportation, certain requirements should be established to govern transportation of hazardous materials.

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all staff, faculty, students and guests of the University Community.

**POLICY:**

This policy applies to all materials regulated by the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) except for radioactive materials that are not hazardous for any other reason. Requirements regarding the transportation of hazardous materials in laboratory areas shall be established by the Laboratory Safety Committee. Hazardous materials transported in all other areas of the University shall be packaged in a DOT approved container or other container approved by the Department of Environmental Health and Safety. All containers shall have tight fitting lids or caps.

**PROCEDURE:**

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety will be responsible for including information regarding this policy in training programs, manuals and other appropriate material, so that all affected parties are informed of this policy. Willful violation of this policy will subject the violator to appropriate disciplinary action.