

MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

POLICY

Disposal of hazardous materials shall conform to the appropriate federal, state and local ordinances. The requirements are provided to protect the health and safety of inmates, staff, and visitors.

DEFINITIONS:

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Substances which through chemical reaction or mixture can provide possible injury or harm to the body by entering through the skin, digestive tract, or respiratory tract (paint, ammonia, chlorine, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides).

PROCEDURE

All flammable, toxic and caustic materials will be stored in secure areas that are inaccessible to inmates in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Inmates shall not possess or use such items unless under the constant supervision of qualified staff.

All hazardous liquid waste shall be stored in appropriate containers and removed from the facility by a qualified staff member. Responsibility for, and title to, all hazardous liquid wastes remains with the County until the chemical composition of the liquid has been changed to render it harmless by either burial or incineration.

All hazardous solid waste shall be placed in appropriate double-bagged, marked containers and removed from the facility by a qualified staff member. Responsibility for, and title to, all hazardous solid waste remains with the County until the chemical composition of the solid waste has been changed to render it harmless. Hazardous waste may be buried.

When a hazardous material spill is discovered by staff, they will immediately evacuate the area (see area evacuation procedures) and notify Central Control and the Bkg. Sergeant. The Dispatcher in Central Control will activate the fan control switch for the corresponding zone. The Bkg. Sergeant will evaluate the problem and order a clean-up of the spill.

RELATED STANDARDS

Health and Safety Code Chapter 6.95, Section 25504(b)
Chapter 9, Section 1 and 2

DATE REVISED
None

By order of

DANIEL PAYNE
BUREAU COMMANDER