

Household Pollutant Inventory Sheet



This inventory will help you become aware of the types and amounts of potentially hazardous chemicals you store around the house. Please take a moment to complete this form and keep it with your other household records. Knowledge of what you have around your house will help you protect the small children and animals that are visiting or living with you.



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Inventory of Potentially Hazardous Household Products

Hunt around your house, basement and garage to find out which of the following products you have.

Caution: Do not disturb or spill these products. Some of them are harmful . Wash your hands carefully after you handle any container that might be leaking. (Not all household products are hazardous.)

1. Check off items you find. Add others you find that are not on the list.
2. Write down the quantities you find. Write down how many containers and the size of containers you find. (12 ounce, 1 pint, etc.)
3. Write down where you find the product (under the sink, etc.). List both the room and exact location.
4. Read the labels of the products. Write down any warnings (hazards and characteristics) that are on the labels.

Do you have?	How much?	Where is it stored?	Warnings	Hazards or Characteristics
HOUSE				
<input type="checkbox"/> Oven cleaner				
<input type="checkbox"/> Drain cleaner				
<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet cleaner				
<input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectants				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rug or upholstery cleaners				
<input type="checkbox"/> Floor or furniture polish				
<input type="checkbox"/> Bleach or cleaners with bleach				
<input type="checkbox"/> Photographic chemicals				
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver polish				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool chemicals				
<input type="checkbox"/> Mothballs				

Do you have?	How much?	Where is it stored?	Warnings	Hazards or Characteristics
___ Powder or abrasive cleaners				
___ Ammonia or cleaners with ammonia				
___ Spot removers				
PAINTS				
___ Enamel or oil-based paints				
___ Latex or water-based paints				
___ Rust paint				
___ Thinners and turpentine				
___ Furniture strippers				
___ Stain or finish				
AUTO				
___ Antifreeze				
___ Used oil				
___ Brake fluid				
___ Transmission fluid				
___ Batteries				
___ Gasoline				
PESTICIDES				
___ Herbicides (weed killers)				
___ Rat and mouse poison				
___ Roach and ant killer				
___ Flea collars and sprays				
___ House plant insecticides				
___ Fungicides				
___ Slug bait				
___ Other garden pesticides				
OTHER				

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE TOXICITY CHART

Warning Word	Toxicity*	Examples
CAUTION	Moderately Toxic Lethal dose: An ounce to a pint	Ammonia, Most paints, Floor polishes
WARNING	Very Toxic Lethal dose: A teaspoon to a tablespoon	Antifreeze, Bleach, Some fertilizers, Many pesticides
DANGER	Extremely Toxic Lethal dose: a taste to a teaspoon	Rat poison, Mercury batteries, Some pesticides and weed killers, Paint thinner, Drain opener, some oven cleaners

* Robert E. Gosselin et al., Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products, Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins, 1984, pp. 1-2.

HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Signal Word	Characteristics	Examples
Ignitable (Flammable)	Catches fire readily; explodes easily	Fuels, some cleaning fluids, some furniture polishes
Corrosive	Eats away what it touches	Battery acid, bathroom cleaners, pool chemicals
Reactive	Undergoes an unwanted reaction when exposed to other substances	Bleach, ammonia
Irritant	Causes soreness or inflammation	Ammonia
Toxic	Poisonous	Lead, mercury, pesticides

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