

***What is a regulated hazardous material?***

In accordance with 2010 California Fire Code (CFC) Chapter 2, any substance which, by reason of being explosive, flammable, toxic, poisonous, corrosive, oxidizing, irritant or otherwise harmful, is likely to cause injury.

***Who oversees the compliance of hazardous materials on construction sites?***

Safe storage and handling of hazardous materials on construction sites is overseen by the Ventura City Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division.

***What regulations govern the safe storage and handling of hazardous materials on construction sites?***

The Fire Preservation Division utilizes the San Buenaventura Municipal Code and the 2010 California Fire Code in its oversight of hazardous materials.

***When is a permit required for the storage and handling of hazardous materials on construction sites?***

A permit is required if either you or your sub-contractor(s) have on-site:

- An aboveground fuel tank
- Fuel storage greater than 10 gallons
- Other flammable liquids equal or greater than 10 gallons
- Other combustible liquids equal or greater than 25 gallons
- Flammable gases equal or greater than 200 cu ft
- Oxidizing gases equal to or greater than 504 cu ft
- Inert gases equal to or greater than 6000 cu ft

Associated permits are valid for 180 days starting from date of issue.

***What does a permit cost?***

View the current Schedule of Fees at [www.venturacityfire.com](http://www.venturacityfire.com) (Fire Prevention Forms)

***Who is responsible for maintaining hazardous materials compliance on the construction site?***

The permit holder is primarily responsible for ensuring hazardous materials are stored and handled in a compliant manner; the property owner can also be held responsible for hazardous materials storage violations.

***What are the minimum standards for storage and handling of hazardous materials on construction sites?***

- All storage areas shall be kept free of weeds and extraneous combustible materials and waste.
- An adequate supply of spill equipment (boom, absorbent, other) shall be stored and readily available on site.
- Operating propane containers shall be kept a minimum of 6 feet from the associated heating element.
- Areas subject to propane (or other) heating shall be free of combustible materials and waste.
- Aboveground storage tanks shall have adequate and secure secondary containment.
- Compressed gas cylinders shall be protected from physical impact and falling.
- Compressed gas cylinders shall be marked and separated based on hazard.
- Appropriate warning signage "FLAMMABLE – KEEP FIRE AND FLAME AWAY" shall be provided and clearly visible at all flammable hazardous material storage areas
- Fire extinguishers (2A10BC rating) – within 75 feet of each storage area and 10 feet of each storage tank -- shall be secured and readily available.

***Emergency Contact Numbers***

Fires/Spills: 911

Fire Prevention Division: 805/658-4717

Ventura County EHD: 805/654-2823