

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

NWBOCES recognizes its responsibility for providing an environment which is reasonably secure from known hazards. There are many areas which use a variety of materials that are hazardous.

Hazardous materials include any substance or mixture of substances that poses a fire, explosive, reactive or health hazard as more fully defined by law.

NWBOCES through the Administrative Director has drafted and adopted a written hazard communication program which addresses matters relating to the purchase, storage, handling, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials for all NWBOCES facilities and operations including instructional areas.

The goals of the procedures will be to set into place an on-going process by which each location may begin a program of identifying and managing potentially hazardous materials. NWBOCES personnel will be encouraged to make less dangerous substitutions for hazardous substances to the extent possible and to minimize the quantities of such substances stored on NWBOCES property.

Appropriate personnel will be trained to take precautions to prevent accidents and to handle them in the event they do occur.

It is not the intent of the NWBOCES Board to expand or modify the potential liability exposure through the adoption of this policy. The NWBOCES' voluntary compliance with any statute or regulation to which it is not otherwise subject will not be construed to create or assume any potential liability under any local, state, or federal law or regulation.