

SAFETY NOTICE



Occupational Health & Safety

**SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS TO
 AND FROM CAMPUS**

Normal day to day operations at the University require the use of materials with chemical, biological, or physical hazards associated with them. While people in the University community are aware of the potential hazards posed by these materials many are not aware of the strict regulations governing the transportation of such goods and the potential liabilities of not following these rules.

Some of the difficulties that could be encountered by not complying with the regulations can range from:

- ' delay in shipment (very problematic if it is a dry ice or other perishable item)
- ' refusal of shipment at some point of shipment and its subsequent return
- ' fines for non compliance
- ' criminal prosecution for non compliance with possible jail time for supervisors and senior management
- ' removal of the right of the organization's right to ship dangerous goods

A recent event resulted in the a University research group having to pay for many thousands of dollars of fees to resolve an incident that was created by an improperly shipped chemical being sent to the university. Even though the researcher ordered the chemical and even asked to have the shipped according to the regulations the researcher and the university became liable once the package crossed the Canadian border.