Hazardous materials (or dangerous goods) are defined as any substance that could adversely affect the safety of the public, handlers, or carriers during transportation.

**Activities that constitute hazardous material/dangerous goods shipping:**

1. Mailing an HM/DG off campus, out of state or out of the U.S.
2. Shipping an HM/DG off campus, out of state, or out of the U.S. via a carrier such as Federal Express, United Parcel Service, Express Mail, etc.
3. Carrying an item with you when you travel, for example, on an airplane. In addition, any time you move or send a hazardous material or dangerous goods from one location to another, you are potentially shipping a material.

You must be certified by DOT (ground shipments) or IATA (air shipments) in order to ship dangerous goods. If not, then you must use a certified shipper to complete the shipment. EHS was just awarded a contract for Dangerous Goods Shipment Management. A third party contractor is now managing Dangerous Goods Shipments. There will be a cost associated with supplies, shipment costs and time for the contractor prepare the shipment. For questions on dangerous goods shipments (including chemical, biological and radiological, please e-mail hazmat_shipping@utk.edu. Before shipping a dangerous good, please review the Dangerous Goods Policy on the EHS web-site (www.ehs.utk.edu)