

INFORMATION SHEET

DIRECTION RÉGIONALE DE LA SÉCURITÉ CIVILE ET DE LA SÉCURITÉ INCENDIE DE LA
GASPÉSIE-ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE



Transportation of hazardous materials

For your safety and that of others, a few simple rules must be followed:

- The container used must be approved and standardized according to its contents. For example, a gallon of window cleaner cannot be used to transport gasoline.
- The container must always be immobilized, whether it is full or not.
- Each container of materials may not exceed 30 kg. If more than 150 kg of hazardous materials are transported in a passenger or recreational vehicle, refer to [Transportation of dangerous substances guide](#) for the requirements.
- The capacity of flammable gas cylinders, such as propane, should not exceed 46 liters, which is approximately equivalent to the capacity of a 40 pound propane cylinder. To find out the requirements relating to the transport of a flammable gas cylinder of more than 46 liters, refer to the [Transportation of dangerous substances guide](#).

In addition, for the **transport of propane**:

- Whether empty or full, cylinders must be attached so that they are completely immobilized.
- They must always be in a vertical position in a space ventilated to the outside, either:
 - in the rear trunk left ajar;
 - in the passenger compartment of the car with a window ajar.
- If a trailer (caravan) or a tent trailer (tent-trailer) is attached to the vehicle, it is recommended that the propane cylinder be placed in front of the latter.
- Placed outside a motorized vehicle, the cylinders must be installed at the rear by extending the width of the bumper. They must be protected with materials of a resistance equivalent to that of the bumper.

Transporting hazardous materials requires precautions before and during travel.

Before leaving

- Check that the containers are attached so that they are completely immobilized.

- Validate that the quantity transported complies with standards and in the appropriate container.

During the transport

- Adopt a safer driving style.
- Adapt your driving to road conditions.
- Obey the speed limits.
- Observe the braking distances.
- Refrain from smoking.



Vertically

Immobilized

Vented to the outside

Warning

A propane tank should never:

- be installed on the roof or on a door;
- be mounted in front of the front axle of a motor vehicle;
- protrude from either side of a vehicle.

For more information, do not hesitate to consult the following websites:

[Sécurité publique](#)

[Québec.ca](#)

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