



Shipping with Dry Ice

If you ship packages of anything requiring dry ice in the package, (i.e.: any item requiring temperature control) you must make sure that your package is properly vented!

If you don't, the packaging may seal in carbon dioxide gas (the decomposition product of dry ice), and an internal pressurization of the package may occur. **If the pressure is great enough, the package may actually explode** (ever heard of a dry ice bomb?). Physical injuries and a chemical/biological spill can be the result.

This does not apply if you are shipping with regular, water-made ice. In this case, you are mostly concerned with water leaks after the ice melts.

If you have questions about how to properly package any item for shipment, please contact the OHSU Shipping/Receiving office at 503 494-7380.

