

TOXIC ITEMS

Code Section: Chapter 7

What are Poisonous or Toxic Items ?

- **Cleaners and Sanitizers** such as detergents, sanitizers, acids, polishes, and other chemicals.
- **Pesticides** such as insecticides and rodenticides
- **Items necessary for the operation of the business** such as non-food grade lubricants. Also, personal care items such as medications, first aid supplies, and lotions.
- **Items that are not necessary for the operation of the business and are for retail sale** such as paints, lighters, and batteries.



Labeling:

- Containers of poisonous or toxic materials necessary for operational maintenance of the establishment shall be permanently and distinctly labeled in accordance with the law.
- Small working containers of bulk cleaning agents shall be individually labeled for easy identification of contents.

Storage:

- Store toxic items in a way that prevents contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, single-service, and single-use items.
- Never store toxic items above or next to food or food contact surfaces, regardless of packaging.
- Store cleaning supplies separate from pesticides.
- Store personal medications and first aid supplies away from food storage, preparation or service areas.
- Medicines belonging to employees or to children in a day care center that require refrigeration and are stored in a FOOD refrigerator shall be:
 - Stored in a package or container and kept inside a covered, leak-proof container that is identified as a container for the storage of medicines; and
 - Located so they are inaccessible to children.



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