

NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 272-NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

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Chapter 11 - GENERAL SAFETY REGULATIONS

001 General Safety Regulations

001.01 No person shall smoke, carry matches, lighters or other flame producing devices, or allow others to do so, while near explosives. Exception: Blasters may possess a device for the specific purpose of lighting safety fuse.

001.02 No person shall handle explosives near open lights, fire, flame or sparks. If artificial light is needed, only a safety-type flashlight or electric lantern may be used.

001.03 Use oldest stock first.

001.04 No person shall store, handle or use explosives in or near a residence.

001.05 Do not allow explosives to become wet or exposed to the weather.

001.06 Do not throw or drop packages of explosives or handle them roughly.

001.07 Do not use metal bale hooks when handling; or sparking metal tools to open wooden or metal packages of explosives.

001.08 No person shall open, pack, or repack metal or wooden containers of explosive materials in a magazine.

001.09 Proper disposal shall be made of empty explosives containers as follows:

001.09A Explosives containers shall be entirely empty before discarding and those showing stains of any kind shall not be placed where uninformed persons or children might have access to them pending destruction.

001.09B Empty containers showing stains of any kind shall be destroyed by burning

out of doors, at a safe distance from magazines or other structures. Empty explosive containers should be burned according to manufacturer and the recommendations of the Institute Makers of Explosives. Local burning ordinances, rules, or laws must be obeyed and appropriate burning permits must be obtained where required. Contact your local Sheriff's Office for clarification on local burning permits. Additionally, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Title 128, Rules and Regulations Governing Hazardous Waste Management in Nebraska, must be followed. For clarification, contact the Lincoln, Nebraska office of the DEQ.

001.10 Do not carry blasting caps or electric blasting caps or explosives in your pockets, or leave them where children or others can have contact with them.

001.11 Do not allow shooting, or allow anyone to have cartridges or firearms in or around magazines or near explosives.

001.12 No unauthorized persons shall be allowed near explosives.

001.13 Be alert for broken, defective or leaky packages.

001.14 Every holder of any storage or business enterprise permit required under these regulations shall maintain a log describing the time, place, amount and type of explosive used in any blasting operations performed by him or her at his or her direction.

001.15 Smoking, open lights, or fire or sparks of any kind are prohibited within one hundred (100) feet from where explosives are being handled, used or temporarily placed. No source of ignition, except means necessary to light fuses or fire electric detonators is permitted in an area containing loaded holes.

001.16 Due precautions shall be taken to prevent accidental discharge of electric blasting caps from current induced by radar, radio transmitters, lightning, adjacent power lines, dust storms, snow storms, or other storms of extraneous electricity.

001.17 All use of explosives and any handling thereof, shall be stopped immediately upon the approach of a thunderstorm, and all persons in the area shall immediately seek a place of safety.

001.18 When electric detonators are used for blasting, radio transmission shall be suspended and mobile transmitters shall be kept away from the blasting area unless blasting operations are

conducted in accordance with Institute of Makers of Explosives Safety Library Publication No. 20. The information in IME Publication No. 20 has been incorporated into Appendix I, II, III, and Table IV. Signs shall be posted within 1000 feet of the blasting site warning that two-way radios be turned off.

001.19 All accidents, fires, accidental explosions, theft, or property damage occurring in connection with the use of explosives shall be reported immediately to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Nebraska State Patrol, local sheriff, and police by telephone, and be supplemented by a detailed written report.

001.20 The employer shall be responsible for making the contents of these regulations known to his employees.

001.21 Every employee handling or using explosives shall observe all requirements of these regulations which directly concern or affect his or her conduct.

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