

## Selling Chemicals Responsibly: Leaflet and Posters

Below is a range of posters and a leaflet that have been designed to assist you in keeping your staff aware of their legal obligations under the Poisons Act 1972. They have been designed to be both printed and displayed in staff areas and for use within staff training packages and websites.

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Leaflet

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The Poisons Act regulates the sale of chemicals that can be used for illegally manufacturing explosives or causing harm to the public. As a business, it's your responsibility to know what you are selling and who you can sell to. You can help prevent serious crime and terrorism, so read on to learn how your actions keep us all safe.



Poster

[Standard](#)

The poster comes in two versions, one with an example chemical product list and the other with an editable list that you can add your own products of concern to. Both allow you to add your own logo in the bottom right corner should you wish to.

[Editable](#)

## Selling Chemicals Responsibly

Help keep us all safe and prevent terrorism

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**Know the law**  
The Poisons Act requires all businesses selling regulated and reportable substances to report any suspicious transactions and significant losses or thefts.

**Know your products**  
The following products contain chemicals that can be used for malicious purposes:


Chemical	May be present in
Hydrogen peroxide	Bleach, hair bleach, disinfectants, cleaning agents
Nitric acid	Etching agent, metal treatment, pH adjuster
Ammonium nitrate	Fertiliser, cold packs
Acetone	Nail polish remover, solvent
Hexamine	Solid fuel for camping stoves and model steam engines
Sulfuric acid	Drain cleaner, acid for car batteries

For a full list of chemicals visit [www.gov.uk/explosive-precursors-poisons](http://www.gov.uk/explosive-precursors-poisons)

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**Know your customer**  
Look out for suspicious behaviour in your customers. Ask yourself:

- Are they your regular type of customer?
- Do they appear nervous, or are they avoiding communication?
- Are they trying to buy an unusual amount of a product or a strange combination of products?
- Are they unfamiliar with the product's handling instructions?
- Are they refusing to buy a lower concentration product?
- Are they unwilling to share what they plan to use the product for?
- Are they insisting on paying in cash?
- Are they unwilling to provide ID or home address details?
- Are they requesting unusual packing or delivery methods?






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**What to do if you're suspicious**  
If you're suspicious, report online at [gov.uk/explosive-precursors-poisons](http://gov.uk/explosive-precursors-poisons)  
If you can't access the web page phone the Anti-Terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321  
To report loss or theft of chemicals call the police on 101, in an emergency dial 999

For further information or advice please contact  
[ChemicalReportingTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:ChemicalReportingTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk)

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Infographic Poster

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— Help keep us all safe and prevent terrorism —

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 **Know the law**  
and your legal responsibility  
to report suspicious  
transactions

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chemicals they contain



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and look out for any  
unusual behaviour



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