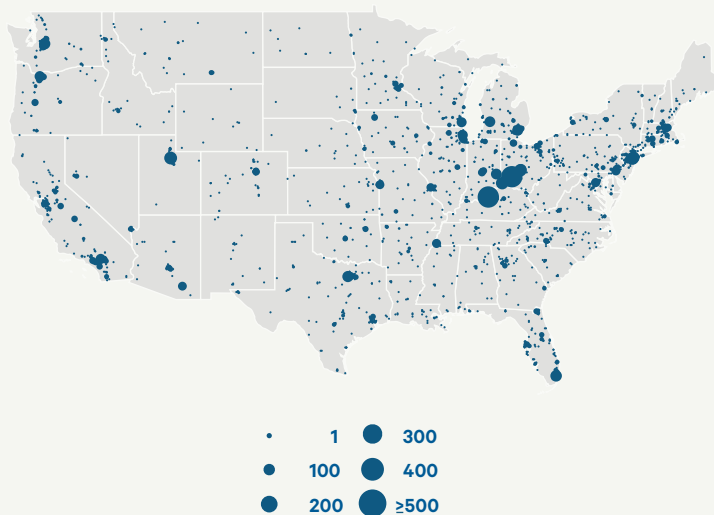




Each year, approximately 1,500 transportation incidents occur when **undeclared hazardous materials** are shipped.

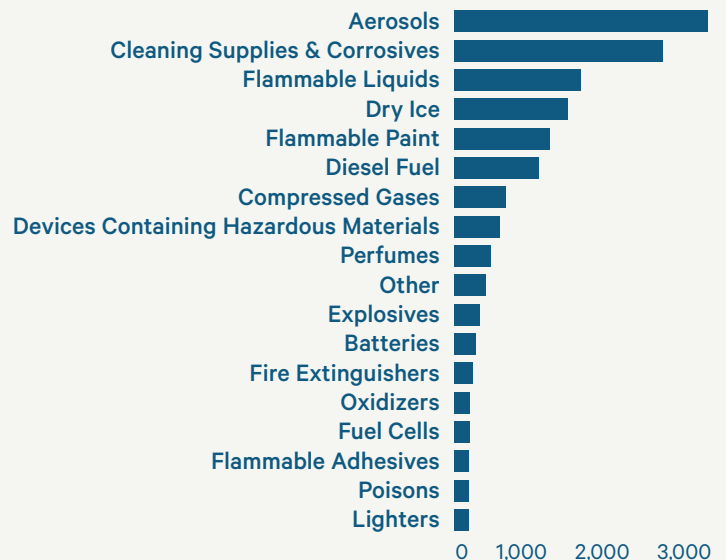
These incidents involve diverse types of hazardous materials and cause serious safety consequences for transportation workers, emergency responders, and the general public. To reduce the number of new incidents, we are introducing Hazardous Matt as the brand ambassador for the “Check the Box” initiative, an educational campaign promoting public awareness of the need for safer shipping of hazardous materials.

Incidents with Undeclared Hazmat by Location



Source: <https://hazmatonline.phmsa.dot.gov/IncidentReportsSearch/Welcome.aspx>

Incidents with Undeclared Hazmat by Commodity



Notable Incidents



HOUSTON, TX: 2017 - An undeclared intermodal container being transported by rail caught fire when 55 gallon drums of lithium batteries entered thermal runaway and exploded.



MIAMI, FL: 2013 - TSA screeners found an unknown spilled substance, later identified as the toxic pesticide Malathion. Six airline, TSA, and EMS personnel were injured during the response.



DALLAS, TX: 2014 - Unmarked boxes containing smaller inner packages of sulfuric acid leaked and injured four UPS employees.



LINWOOD, PA: 2012 - A package of unmarked formaldehyde was dropped and then leaked, injuring eight airline employees.



JACKSON, MS: 2013 - An unmarked package containing oxidizing liquids was punctured during handling. Three FedEx employees were injured while examining the inner container.



ANDERSON CA: 2008 - A box of undeclared fire extinguishers leaked at a UPS sorting facility, injuring three employees.

