

Trading Standards



DO YOU USE OR STORE PETROL AT HOME?

This leaflet offers some general advice on how to store small quantities of petrol safely, for private use in motor vehicles, lawn mowers, generators or any other internal combustion engine.

REMEMBER, Petrol is dangerous - **keep away from** any means of ignition and **DO NOT SMOKE** when using it.



HOW MUST PETROL BE STORED?

Petrol must only be kept in approved metal or plastic containers.

METAL CONTAINERS

should not exceed 10 litres capacity (2 gallons), be fitted with a secure leak-proof cap and be permanently labelled '**Petroleum Spirit - Highly Flammable**'.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

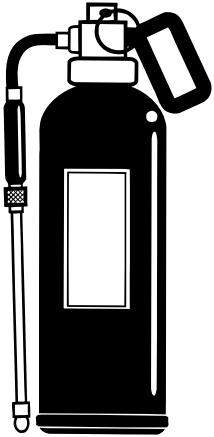
should not exceed 5 litres in capacity and should comply with the Petroleum Spirit (Plastic Containers) Regulations 1982. Further advice can be sought from the Trading Standards Department on this.

EMPTY CONTAINERS

must be securely stoppered and kept in a safe place. They must **never** be repaired unless they have been rendered 'vapour free'.

Approved containers **only** must be used for the storage of petroleum.

WHERE MUST PETROL BE STORED?



Petrol must **NOT** be stored in a house, flat or dwelling.

Containers of petrol should only be stored in a well ventilated, secure, fire proof building, away from all sources of ignition e.g. fires lights and any electrical installation such as sockets.

Containers of petrol **must not** be stored under stairs or near doors, especially doors which could be a means of escape should a fire occur.

Ideally, there should be a fire extinguisher of foam or dry powder type, accessible to the storage place **and** a bucket of dry sand available to soak up any spillage.

DO I HAVE TO NOTIFY ANYONE?

In addition to the amount of petrol **stored** in the tank of any motor car/engine, you are allowed to store up to 2 x 10 litres (2 gallons) of petrol in approved metal containers, (or 1 x 10 litre metal with 2 x 5 litre in approved plastic containers).

However, the legislation controlling the storage of quantities of petrol greater than 2 x 10 litres is complex and generally a licence is required, or, in certain circumstances, only notification to the Petroleum Licensing Authority.

WHAT IF I DON'T COMPLY?

Storage of petrol without a Licence (where one is required) or, without notifying the Department where necessary, may result in the person responsible being prosecuted.

Trading Standards Website: www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent

For further consumer advice please call Consumer Direct on the local rate number given below

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