







How To Store Chemicals			
Group Definition	Primary Storage Concern	Recommended Facilities	Example
G I: Flammable Liquids Includes liquids with flashpoints < 21 C 	To protect from ignition	 1. Flammable Cabinet (G I) 2. Refrigerator: for containers less than 1 liter. 	All alcohols, acetone, acetonitrile, benzene, ether, ethyl acetate, hexane, methyl butane, propanol, all silanes, toluene.
 G II: Volatile Poisons Includes poisons toxics and suspected carcinogens with strong odor or evaporation rate. 	To prevent inhalation exposures.	 Flammable cabinet (G II -Toxic) Refrigerator: for containers less than 1 liter. 	Chloroform, dimethyl sulfate, formaldehyde, methylene chloride, phenol.
 G III: Oxidizing Acids All oxidizing acids are highly reactive with most substances and each other. 	Preventing reaction with each others and corrosive action on surfaces.	Chemical Safety Storage Cabinet (Each oxidizing acid must be double contained/secondary box)	Nitric, sulfuric, perchloric, phosphoric acids and chromic acids.
G IV: Organic and Mineral Acids.	To prevent reaction with bases and oxidizing acids and corrosive action on surfaces.	Chemical Safety Storage cabinet	Acetic, butyric, formic, glacial acetic, hydrochloric, isobutyric, trifluoroacetic acids.
G V: Liquid Bases	Preventing contact and reaction with acids.	Chemical storage cabinet (bases)	Sodium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, calcium hydroxide, glutaraldehyde.
 G VI: Oxidizer – Liquid Oxidizing liquids react with everything causing explosions/corrosion of surfaces. 	To isolate from other materials.	 Chemical storage cabinet / Flammable cabinet (Oxi) Smaller quantities must be in secondart container if kept near other chemicals 	Ammonium persulfate, hydrogen peroxide (if greater than or equal to 30%)
 G VII: Poisons Non-Volatile Includes highly toxic (LD50 oral rat < 50 mg/kg) and toxic chemicals (LD50 oral rat < 500 mg/kg), known carcinogens, suspected carcinogens and mutagens 	To prevent contact and reaction with other substances.	 Toxic Steel Cabinet, Chemical Storage Cabinet (i.e., must be enclosed) Do not store on open shelves in the lab or cold room 	Acrylamide solutions; diethylpyrocarbonate; diisopropyl fluorophosphate; uncured epoxy resins; ethidium bromide; triethanolamine
 G VIII: Reactives Metal Hydrides and Pyrophorics Most metal hydrides react violently with water, some ignite spontaneously in air (pyrophoric). 	To prevent contact and reaction with liquids and, in some cases, air.	 Water proof double containment according to label instructions. Isolation from other storage groups. Under paraffin oil (metal) 	Sodium borohydride, calcium hydride, lithium aluminum hydride
 G IX: Dry Solids Includes all powders, hazardous and non hazardous. 	To prevent contact and potential reaction with liquids.	Open shelves are acceptable	Benzidine, cyanogen bromide, ethylmaleimide, oxalic acid, potassium cyanide, sodium cyanide

