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Fertilizer provides essential nutrients which give farmers the crop performance they need to feed millions of people in Canada and around the world. Ammonium nitrate is food for plants and valuable as a fertilizer for the production of healthy and abundant food in Canada, but it must also be handled with care. The safety and security of agri-retailers and farmers who deal with ammonium nitrate is a high priority of the Canadian fertilizer industry. We all play a role.

The On Guard program is intended to inform end-users of ammonium nitrate about safe and secure on farm use and the agri-retailer's role in maintaining a secure and controlled storage facility.

On Guard encourages everyone who supplies and handles ammonium nitrate to be aware of safety protocols and security requirements and to alert enforcement officials of suspicious activity.

## Farmers are On Guard for Canada

On Guard for Canada provides resources for farmers to further adopt safety and security practices concerning ammonium nitrate.



### Purchase & Storage

- On-farm storage should be avoided by only purchasing as much ammonium nitrate as needed for the crops. Unauthorized reselling of the product is strictly prohibited under federal regulations.
- Ensure the product is protected before its application and is not left unattended in the field or accessible to third parties.



### Reporting Suspicious Activity

- Any signs of theft, attempted theft, tampering, or loss not attributable to normal operations should be immediately reported to the RCMP National Security Information Network using the toll-free number 1-800-420-5805.

## Agri-Retailers remain On Guard

For Canadian agri-retailers, the safe and secure storage of ammonium nitrate is not only the law, it is also the right thing to do. By being aware of your agri-retailer's responsibility to maintain a safe and secure fertilizer storage location, you can help them do their part in our community.



### Working with your Agri-Retailer

- It makes good business sense for farmers to build long-term relationships with local agri-retailers. This partnership is critical and is built on trust and cooperation.
- Co-operate when agri-retailers ask for identification and more information about your ammonium nitrate needs. Under the federal *Explosives Regulations, 2013 – Part 20 Restricted Components*, agri-retailers are required to keep sales records.



### Value in Knowing the Customer

- Agri-retailers have expertise about local soil conditions and the right products for farming in their area. That expertise should be applied when selling ammonium nitrate to confirm it is the best choice for the customer.



### Maintaining a Secure Facility

- To ensure agri-retailer sites are secure, storage locations are equipped with alarms, lighting, controlled access, locks, signage and surveillance.
- Detailed records on purchases of ammonium nitrate must be kept. Customers must provide identification and a description of how the product will be used.
- While talking with customers, agri-retailers will be vigilant in getting to know who their customers are to ensure the product is staying out of the wrong hands.

# GrowZone



The **Ammonium Nitrate Security Training Course** provides a thorough review of critical information regarding the security measures that are a legal requirement for agri-retailers, including:

- Understanding employer responsibilities
- Knowing the customer
- Record keeping
- Keeping your customers informed



The training course is available through the GrowZone e-learning platform. Getting started is easy and provides a simple, cost effective way to ensure both farmers and agri-retailers have the necessary knowledge and resources to handle an ammonium nitrate incident.

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Canada's fertilizer industry worked in partnership with the government and law enforcement agencies to bring Canadian farmers and agri-retailers the On Guard for Canada program.

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