

Chemical Warehousing 101

Not all chemicals are hazardous, but those that are must adhere to specific storage requirements to ensure a safe environment. If you are responsible for the storage and distribution of commercial chemicals, this paper serves as a primer on safe, compliant storage.



The classes of hazardous product in the warehouse will determine how much risk the facility contains. As an example, Weber Logistics' chemical warehouse is ranked Tier 2. Because it does not house Class 1 explosives or Class 7 radioactive materials, overall risk is lowered.

How Can I Assess The Capabilities Of A Commercial Warehousing Partner?

Here are six tips to help you tell the experts from the imposters.

- 1. Check the provider's reputation with objective sources.** Don't rely on the 3PL's marketing claims to gauge capabilities.
- 2. Look for experience handling the class of chemicals you market.** 3PLs that handle one class of chemicals are not necessarily qualified to handle others.
- 3. Limit transportation miles.** With chemicals, fewer miles are better. Finding a provider that is centrally located to efficiently reach your customer base will reduce your costs and risk.
- 4. Dig into the experience of key personnel.** Ask about the chemical logistics experience of those supervising and operating your business. These people should be advising you, not the other way around.

- 5. Choose a partner for present AND future needs.** Anticipate your needs well into the future and look for a partner that can satisfy these requirements to avoid the cost and risk involved in switching providers.
- 6. Find out how active the provider is in industry groups.** Environmental and safety regulations are constantly changing. Providers need to remain active in industry groups to stay abreast of these changes.

Founded in 1924, Weber Logistics is a third party logistics company that provides warehousing, transportation, and port logistics services in California and the Western U.S. With distribution centers throughout the region, including a dedicated chemical facility, Weber gives growing companies flexible, scalable distribution solutions for their West Region customers.

