

[54] PROTECTIVE ENCLOSURE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL PRIMARY CONTAINERS

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[57] ABSTRACT

This invention relates to a method and device for transporting hazardous materials, especially materials such as biological samples contained in vials. The device comprises an enclosure having a top that locks onto a body section so as to substantially preclude removal of the top after it is in place on the body. The body section includes a tab which can be grasped and pulled along a line of weakness to rip open the device once it reaches its destination. The inside of the enclosure including the top is lined with a resilient material along with a moisture impervious outer liner. The resilient material is preferably highly liquid absorbing and is impregnated with a germicidal/pesticidal substance so that in the unlikely event the container breaks its contents will be absorbed and contained within the protective enclosure.

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