

Hazard Communication

The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, also known as The Right-to-Know Standard, was developed to help make all employees aware of hazards associated with chemicals used at work. The standard that has been around for many years remains one of the most frequently cited by OSHA. Your employer must comply with certain requirements including evaluating the hazard, using warning labels, supplying Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS's), training employees, and having a written program.

You may not think that you are exposed to significant chemical hazards. However you are exposed to hazardous chemicals every day, these can threaten your health and safety if you are not able to recognize the hazard, and take appropriate measures to protect yourselves. On many job sites the following chemicals may be present: Gasoline, Hydraulic Fluid, Diesel Fuel, Lubricants, and other task specific materials.

Manufacturers must identify all physical and health hazards associated with any product or material they make. Hazards are communicated by use of warning labels on containers and by providing MSDS's. Warning labels provide the name of the material and any physical or health hazards. You must be sure to read and understand the label. If you are unfamiliar with a particular product you should read the MSDS, this must be readily available to you. The MSDS contains a variety of information about the material including name and phone number of manufacturer, handling precautions, recommended personal protective equipment, and first aid information.

Your employer has a written program, and should provide training to all employees. A list of all hazardous chemicals being used on the job along with the MSDS's for those chemicals must be kept on site. Smart workers are aware of the hazards they work with and know how to protect themselves.

Remember when you work with any chemical, know the hazards, use the appropriate personal protective equipment, and know the appropriate emergency procedures.

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