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Hazard Communication

Safety Data Sheets (SDS's)

OSHA's hazard communication standard, also referred to as "HAZCOM" and "The Employee Right to Know Act", is designed to help protect workers from the hazards of exposures to harmful chemicals.



Safety Data Sheets are developed by the manufacturer or importer of all hazardous products. Here's some information you can find on a product's SDSs:

- Name of the product (should match what is on the container label)
- Name and contact information for the manufacture or importer of the product
- List of the hazardous ingredient(s) that make up the product
- Permissible exposure limits established by OSHA and other agencies that specify how much chemical exposure is considered safe and unsafe.



- Specific information about the health hazards associated with the product, including routes of entry into your body, the effects of the chemical(s) on you various organs, and the symptoms of over exposure
- Specific information about the fire and reactivity hazards of the product, as well as the physical characteristics (smell, color...) of the product
- Recommendations for personal protective equipment to wear when using the product
- ❖ Emergency and first aid procedures to treat exposures

Know where your work area's SDS binder is located or how to access online information

This information is very important to you and the company, as we use this to decide what procedures and protective equipment to use on the job.

So take the time to review the SDS for any product that you need additional information about, because as the name of the OSHA standard implies, you have the "RIGHT TO KNOW"!

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Referenced Standards: 29 CFR 1910.1200