

WHAT IS YOUR *RIGHT TO KNOW*?

“SAFETY – IT’S A WAY OF LIFE”

You have the "*right to know*" what chemical hazards you face on the job, and how to protect yourself against them!

You should know or have access to the following.

- Names of chemicals you are exposed to (upon specific request).
- Readable container labels.
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- The proper use of workplace chemicals.
- Annual Right to Know Training - OSHA Standard - CFR 1910.1200 (Hazardous Communication)



PRECAUTION: Before you move, handle or open a chemical container, read the label and follow the instructions. If you are unsure about something, ask your supervisor or the Office of Risk Management *BEFORE* you act!

Main Sections of a MSDS:

1. **Chemical Identity** - Who makes the chemical, the manufacturer's address, emergency telephone number, and the date the MSDS was prepared.
2. **Hazardous Ingredient(s)** - Hazardous components, chemical ID and common names, worker permissible exposure limits (PEL).
3. **Physical & Chemical Characteristics** - i.e., boiling point, appearance and odor under normal conditions.
4. **Physical Hazards** - Such as fire and explosion, and ways to handle the hazards - fire fighting equipment needs.
5. **Reactivity** - Tells if the substance is stable and what substances to keep it away from so it will not react!
6. **Health Hazards** - Tells how the chemical could enter the body, i.e., skin, inhaling.

Other Sections:

- **Safe Handling**
- **Proper Storage**
- **Control Measures**

