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**