

HAZARD COMMUNICATION

Your health and Safety - Toolbox Talk



PURPOSE

- Hazard Communication, or “HazCom,” is the best way for you to find out about the danger of exposure to chemicals in your workplace.


PARTNERS IN PROTECTION

- We are all partners in protecting everyone against chemical hazards.
- Your responsibilities begin with ensuring you know the resources available to you:
 - Safety Data Sheets
 - Chemical Labels
 - Training


THE HAZCOM STANDARD

- OSHA established the HazCom standard to protect employees.
- It ensures your right to know about potential dangers by requiring employers to have a program.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

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- Hazardous chemicals are everywhere - from cleaning agents to industrial solvents. Practicing safe hazard communication allows us to:
 - Know what chemicals you're working with
 - The risk involved
 - How to protect ourselves

SAFETY DATA SHEETS

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- SDSs are like cheat sheets for chemicals. They tell you everything you need to know from:
 - Proper chemical storage and handling
 - What PPE should be worn and when
 - First aid and emergency procedures
 - Exposure procedures

REMEMBER: TAKE THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND THE CHEMICALS YOU ARE USING AND LEARN HOW TO HANDLE THEM SAFELY