

## HAZCOM - HAZARD COMMUNICATION

Through the course of your job duties, you may be required to work with dangerous chemicals. The goal of the hazard communication program is to make you aware of chemicals you may be in contact with on the job and to help you understand the potential hazards of those chemicals. This education is required by the Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA).

### Keep Safety in Mind

Though it is our goal to teach you the information you need, it is your responsibility to learn it and ask questions if necessary. You should follow all safety procedures when working around chemicals, keep in mind potential hazards and always wear appropriate PPE.

Here are the top five things you need to know about hazard communication:

### 1. Pictograms

Learn what each pictogram means:



### 2. Safety data sheet

The SDS tells you everything you need to know about the chemical. For example:

- Health hazards
- Flammability of the product
- What PPE is needed
- First aid measure

### 3. PPE assessment

A PPE Assessment should be done for each chemical you contact on the job.

Identify what PPE is to be worn by reviewing the SDS.

### 4. Proper labeling

Containers that hold chemicals must have a label identifying the hazards of the chemical. For example:

- Product identifier
- Signal word
- Hazard statement
- Pictograms

### 5. Training

Employees should be training on the:

- The methods and observations that may be used to detect chemical release
- Physical and health hazard
- The measures to protect themselves.

### Discussion

**1. What chemicals are you exposed to on the job?**

**2. Where are the SDS's kept for your chemicals?**

**3. Can anyone share an experience?**

