

5-MINUTE SAFETY TALK

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Chemical Warning Labels

Warning labels placed on every receptacle containing toxic chemicals in workplaces have most of the instructions necessary for utilizing the chemicals responsibly. Heeding warning labels assists you in conducting the administration of the chemicals correctly while avoiding health and safety issues.

What's on a Warning Label

Each warning label contains the chemical's name, information to contact the distributor or importer, and a chemical-code number. Warning labels should list 1 of 3 nouns informing you exactly how threatening the chemical is. "Warning" expresses a larger endangerment than "Caution." "Danger" means the most severe degree of harm. Extremely harmful toxins are titled "Poison."

The label has info pertaining to actual hazards as well: corrosive, combustible, and volatile chemicals, etc. Emergency info covers threats like lung and optical irritation, injuries, and sickness.

Other Information

Warning labels might inform you how to contain and the type of storage unit required, ways to throw away chemicals as well as their receptacles. Labeling can forewarn about preventative actions you should take. For instance: how to sanitize, which safety gear must be used when handling the chemical, instructions on handling fissures, punctures, and discharge. Medical directions could cover remedies and antitoxins, poisonous substances, and how to deal with individual who has come into contact with the chemical.



Make Sure It's Labeled

Being 100% sure the toxic and dangerous chemicals have all the labels on them is an imperative duty for all employees. It is expected that every stationary receptacle is labelled appropriately. In the instance of coming across an unlabeled or indistinctly-written container, inform a superior immediately. Refrain from using any chemical if you are unsure about what it is. When transporting dangerous chemicals always label the container to make sure other employees are aware.

Read the Label Each Time

Remember that it's always best to verify something a second time when safety-issues are a concern. Prior to handling dangerous chemicals, never forget to read the label. Even if you have handled the same chemical on more than one occasion, the producer could have made a mistake or altered the specific ingredients. Refrain from distinguishing chemicals by color and appearance. If you have any suspicions about the environment and safety gear being used with a chemical, refer to your company policy or get in contact with a superior. Understanding how to handle which chemicals not only ensures your safety, but that of those around you as well.

Safety Meetings/Training Sign In Sheet

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Date of Meeting: _____ Instructor: _____

Topic: _____

Attending Employees

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