

Hazard communication

The complete written Hazard Communication Program is available in each Department Administrator's office. Below are the key provisions of the standard.

HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD SUMMARY

Protection under OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) includes all workers exposed to hazardous chemicals in all industrial sectors. This standard is based on a simple concept - that employees have both a need and a right to know the hazards and the identities of the chemicals or other hazardous materials that they are exposed to when working. Employees need to know what protective measures are available to prevent adverse effects from occurring.

REQUIREMENTS

The Standard ensures

- 1) That the hazards of all chemicals imported into, produced, or used in U.S. workplaces are evaluated
- 2) That this hazard information is transmitted to affected employers and exposed employees.

All covered employers must have a hazard communication program that disseminates this information to their employees through labels on containers, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), and other training.

Provides necessary hazard information to employees so they can participate in, and support, the protective measures in place at their workplaces.

- All employers are responsible for informing and training workers about the hazards in their workplaces, retaining warning labels, and making MSDS's available with hazardous chemicals.
- All workplaces where employees are exposed to hazardous chemicals must have a written plan.

