

Safety Matters

Promoting a Safety-minded Culture

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Using Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

When working with chemicals, you must be familiar with a material's properties so you can take the proper safety precautions. This is accomplished by using Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

Your First Stop: The SDS

SDS protect you from hazardous materials in the workplace by providing information about a substance's properties, precautions for safe handling, use and storage, potential health hazards and first aid procedures. Before you begin working with a new chemical, always reference the SDS.

The easiest way to look up a material is by the name listed on the product's label. The SDS information may look a bit confusing at first, so here's how the information is typically grouped:

1. Identification
2. Hazard identification
3. Composition/information on ingredients
4. First-aid measures
5. Fire-fighting measures

12. Ecological information
13. Disposal considerations
14. Transport information
15. Regulatory information
16. Other information

When reviewing an SDS, scan it for safety precautions, health effects, storage, specific cautions and disposal instructions before using any chemical for the first time.

In Case of Emergency

An SDS is an excellent source of information to consult when a person is exposed to a hazardous product by inhalation, spillage, etc. It's your job to learn about a material's hazardous properties before an emergency occurs. What if a chemical splashes into a co-worker's eyes? You'll want to know how to help immediately, rather than waste valuable time by having to track down the

Always review the SDS for every hazardous material before its use. Then, take the necessary safety precautions.

According to OSHA, one of the most effective ways to develop a safety-minded culture is to involve employees in ongoing "toolbox talk" safety meetings. These brief and informal meetings allow you the opportunity to gather workers together to alert them about potential workplace hazards.

To access helpful talking points for supervisors, ask your Peabody Insurance Agency representative about the complete line of *Safety Matters* flyers including:

- Hand Protection
- Hand Tool Safety
- Fire Safety
- Defensive Driving Techniques
- Safe Lifting Techniques
- Accident Prevention
- Ladder Safety
- Slips and Falls
- Power Truck Safety
- Hazard Communication
- First Aid Basics
- Welding and Cutting
- Avoid Heat Illness
- Lock Out for Safety
- And many more!

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Accident Prevention

Most of the time, safety is expected. But do you make sure you're following the proper safety procedures? The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has a lot of information on safety. The average worker spends about 10% of his or her time on safety. But if you're not following the proper safety procedures, you're more likely to get hurt.

It's important to stay on top of safety. The more you know about safety, the more you can prevent accidents. Safety is a team effort. Everyone has a role to play in keeping the workplace safe.

The most common cause of workplace accidents is human error. This is why it's so important to make sure everyone is following the proper safety procedures. Safety is a team effort. Everyone has a role to play in keeping the workplace safe.

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Adjusting to Your New Work Environment

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Making assumptions and taking risks when it comes to safety can lead to serious accidents and injuries.

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