



Weekly Safety Tip

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Safety Slogan

Risk – is it worth it?

James Lehrke-SCI

Of the week

SCI Safety Tip: What's in Your HazCom Plan?

Source: <http://www.blr.com>

Date: September 2, 2013

Does your written HazCom plan include all the information required by OSHA? Here's a quick review of essential content.

A hazard communication plan doesn't have to be long or spell out your program in detail, but it must be well thought out, clear, and comprehensive. Your written HazCom plan is the first thing a compliance officer will ask to see.

Here are some suggestions about what should be included in a HazCom plan:

Policy statement. Explain the purpose of the plan (i.e. to reduce employee exposure to hazardous chemicals and the overall incidence of chemical-related injuries and illnesses), and express your organization's commitment to communicating necessary information to protect employees from chemical hazards in the workplace.

Plan administration. Describe the duties of the program administrator and others with responsibilities for different aspects of the plan. Additionally, this section should provide contact information (task with designees name and phone number) for administration of the plan.

Plan review and update. State that the plan will be periodically reviewed and updated, and updated whenever new hazards are introduced into the workplace.

Plan availability. Explain how the written plan can be accessed by employees and government agencies.

Labels. Describe the requirements for container labeling throughout the workplace, including your in-house labeling system.

Safety data sheets. Describe procedures for ensuring that employees can obtain necessary SDSs, including your primary and backup access systems. Also explain what employees should do when an SDS is not available or cannot be accessed. Include a statement about the procedure for obtaining and filing new or revised SDSs.

Employee training. Identify information about hazardous chemicals that will be communicated to employees in training sessions, including training content, format, schedule (initial and retraining), and training records.

Nonroutine tasks. From time to time, employees may be required to perform nonroutine tasks that could potentially result in temporary exposure to hazardous chemicals. Include a

statement in your plan that says that if it is determined that a hazardous condition exists with the nonroutine task, employees performing the task will be provided with information that includes specific chemical hazards, safety measures or protective equipment the employee should use, and steps taken to reduce the hazards, such as ventilating, providing respirators, and implementing emergency procedures.

Contractors. Explain procedures for communicating chemical hazards to outside contractors who come into your workplace to perform work.

List of hazardous chemicals. Attach a list of hazardous chemicals in the workplace that includes each chemical's product identifier (i.e., name or number used to identify the chemical), the manufacturer, and work areas in which the chemical is used.

SCI OSHA News: OSHA focuses on female construction workers (Part 1)

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Date: September 4, 2013

Many people think of construction as a typically male occupation. But did you know that as of 2010, there are about 800,000 women working in the construction industry? That amounts to approximately 9 percent of the industry workforce.

While the hazards involved in construction work are well known, female construction workers face unique challenges. To increase awareness of these issues, OSHA has signed an alliance with the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC). The alliance, which lasts 2 years, will develop targeted training resources and other informational materials to help construction employers ensure the safety of their female employees. The materials will focus primarily on three issues:

Sanitation. Many construction sites use temporary restrooms, which are often not well maintained. As a result, women may avoid using these facilities and drinking water on the job. This can lead to heat stress and other health problems, including bladder and kidney infections.

OSHA recommends the following solutions:

- Provide separate bathrooms for male and female workers.
- Make sure hand sanitizer is available.
- Make sure sanitary facilities are cleaned regularly.
- If work is performed at night, bathroom facilities should be located in well-lit areas.

Are you aware of the up and coming changes to OSHA'S Hazard Communications Standard?

Have you been hearing the buzz about OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard to include the Globally Harmonized System changes? Don't delay any longer, the first requirement is to train employees on the upcoming changes by Dec. 1st. 2013.

Major changes to the Hazard Communication Standard

- **Hazard classification:** Provides specific criteria for classification of health and physical hazards, as well as classification of mixtures.
- **Labels:** Chemical manufacturers and importers will be required to provide a label that includes a harmonized signal word, pictogram, and hazard statement for each hazard class and category. Precautionary statements must also be provided.

- **Safety Data Sheets:** Will now have a specified 16-section format.
- **Information and training:** Employers are required to train workers by December 1, 2013 on the new labels elements and safety data sheets format to facilitate recognition and understanding.

Let us help you. We can create an individualized training for your specific location and unique workforce. Give us a call, we can walk you through the new changes and even train your employees if you'd like.

Lehrke Family Benefit/Raffle/Brat Fry

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11:00am – 7:00pm
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Sheboygan, WI 53081

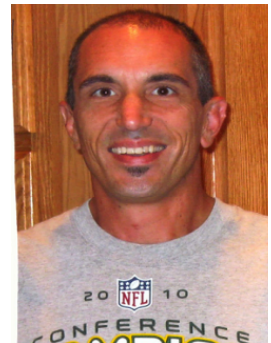
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“Saving Green by Going Green” Tip of the Week

Did you know you can save money by kicking the disposable habit? Consider buying durable plates and cups for the lunch room and discontinue the use of the onetime use disposable ones. Even better buy them from a local thrift store and support a nonprofit along the way. Many companies give their employees travel coffee mugs or water bottles as thank you gifts for this purpose too. For more help saving green by going green email Laura@safetyconnections.com