

MCAA Toolbox Safety Talks

Hazard Communication Programs

You have the right to know about the chemical hazards in your work environment. All mechanical industry employers are required to establish written hazard communication programs and make them available to you. You should become familiar with all parts of your company's hazard communication program.

- Your company's program will include a list of all the chemicals you could be exposed to while working.
- The program will also describe the method your company will use to inform you about any chemical hazards that are associated with non-routine work tasks on your job site.
- The program will describe how all of the containers on the job site will be equipped with appropriate hazard warning labels written in English, identify the hazardous chemicals, state or show the proper hazard warnings and include the address of the chemical manufacturer, importer or other responsible party.
- Your company's hazard communication program will tell you where your company keeps the material safety data sheet (MSDS) file and how you can obtain it whenever you want to look at it. An MSDS is a detailed information sheet for a chemical substance. Every chemical on your company's chemical list will have its own MSDS.
- Finally, your company's hazard communication program will describe how the company will provide you with information and training on hazard communication in general.
- Always know **exactly** where your company keeps its written hazard communication program and MSDS file and how to access it immediately for emergencies or for your own information.