

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

SAFETY MEETING OUTLINES

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Company Name _____ Job Name _____ Date _____

HAZARD COMMUNICATION

The Hazard Communication (HazCom) Standard issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that employers develop and maintain a written Hazard Communication Program and inform employees about the hazards they may encounter in the workplace. The standard requires that employee training be provided so that hazardous materials are used correctly and safely.

Chemical manufacturers and distributors must provide a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) when the initial shipment of the chemical is delivered. Employers must label hazardous chemicals and make MSDSs available to employees. The MSDS is the most comprehensive source of information about each chemical you use, but it can only help keep you safe if you read it.

There is no standard format for MSDSs and information is often presented differently. Regardless, all MSDSs must:

- Provide the name, address, and emergency telephone number of the manufacturer or distributor, and the date that the MSDS was prepared.
- Identify the chemical and describe its composition, ingredients, physical properties, stability, and reactivity.
- List potential hazards, toxicity, and the recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) to be used.
- Explain first aid and fire-fighting measures.
- Provide instructions for handling, transportation, storage, and disposal.
- Describe possible routes of entry such as inhalation, ingestion, and/or skin absorption.

Anytime a new hazardous chemical is introduced into the workplace the HazCom Program must be updated, and employees must be informed and trained. Read and understand the MSDS before you start working with any new hazardous material or chemical.

Chemicals in common use on construction sites can cause blindness, respiratory dysfunction, liver disease, lung cancer, brain damage, and birth defects. Which of these problems would you like to have affect your family? Use the information in the HazCom Program and the MSDSs to help keep you and your family safe.

No man, or operation, is an island.

SAFETY REMINDER

Chemicals you're using could cause problems elsewhere.

Coordinate your activities with others on the site.

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____

These instructions do not supersede local, state, or federal regulations.