

HANDLE CHEMICALS WITH CARE!

KNOW THE HAZARD, RESPECT THE LIMIT.



TIME TO REVIEW
5 MIN.



CHEMICAL SAFETY OVERVIEW:

Chemicals come in various forms and can affect those exposed in different ways. A chemical can take the form of a mist, vapor, liquid, dust, fume or gas. The type of chemical, the way it is used, and the form that it takes determine its effects and what should be done to avoid harmful exposure.



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

You should know the company's system for identifying hazardous chemicals. You must know and understand the specific health and safety hazards of the chemicals with which you work and follow the recommended safety precautions. All chemicals must be stored, labeled and disposed of in accordance with the hazard communication program.



BASIC PRECAUTIONS:

- Know what to do in an emergency. If there is a leak or spill, keep away from the area unless you know what the chemical is and how to safely clean it up.
- Wear appropriate protective clothing and equipment (glasses, aprons, boots, gloves, etc.) as required.
- If clothing becomes contaminated by the chemical, shower or wash the exposed skin areas. Change and decontaminate clothing if possible. Dispose of clothing if it is designed for one-time use.
- Do not take contaminated clothing home to be laundered. By doing so, it could expose family members to the contaminant.
- When working with chemicals, thoroughly wash hands before eating. If necessary, shower and change clothes before going home.
- Never take food into the work area where chemicals are being used or stored.
- If work is to be performed in an area where there is the possibility of exposure to toxic substances, use a buddy system or establish an emergency communication system.
- Keep the workplace clean to reduce the risk of contamination. Contain or clean up spills immediately if properly trained.
- Dispose of contaminated material properly.

REMEMBER!



BE AWARE

Stay alert and recognize hazards before they become incidents.



THINK SAFETY

Your actions help create a stronger safety culture.



WORK SMART

Preventing accidents starts with proactive communication.