

Toxic Substances

Right to Know: Toxic Substances

OSHA requirements for general industry

Code Number 29 CFR 1910.1200

Florida's Right to Know Law obligates employers to inform all employees of toxic substances in the work place, how to handle these substances and emergency procedures that might be needed.

What is a Toxic Substance

- ▶ A toxic substance is one that is harmful when over-used or abused
- ▶ Some simple but dangerous chemicals are:
 - ▶ White Out
 - ▶ Whiteboard Markers
 - ▶ Cleaning Supplies
 - ▶ Paints
 - ▶ Rubbing Alcohol
- ▶ Toxic hotline 1-800-367-4378

How to Protect Yourself from Chemical Exposure

- ▶ Read labels
- ▶ Follow all instructions
- ▶ Do not mix chemicals
- ▶ Use proper personal protective equipment
- ▶ Do not over-expose yourself to chemicals
- ▶ Check Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for proper handling and disposal instructions

Information Contained on MSDSs

- ▶ Hazardous ingredients found in the substance
- ▶ Fire and explosive information
- ▶ Chemical incompatibility with other chemicals
- ▶ Potential health hazards
- ▶ Spill and leak procedures
- ▶ Proper disposal methods

- ▶ Employee protection
- ▶ Special precautions

MSDSs in the School Board

- ▶ MSDSs for each toxic substance are kept at each site
- ▶ If there is no MSDS for a toxic substance, it can be requested from the Safety and Security Department
- ▶ The Safety and Security Department has five (5) days to provide it or prove that they are trying to obtain it
- ▶ No chemical should **EVER** be brought from home that is not on the approved chemicals list