



Chemical Safety

Toolbox Talks are intended to facilitate health and safety discussions on the job site.

WHY IT MATTERS

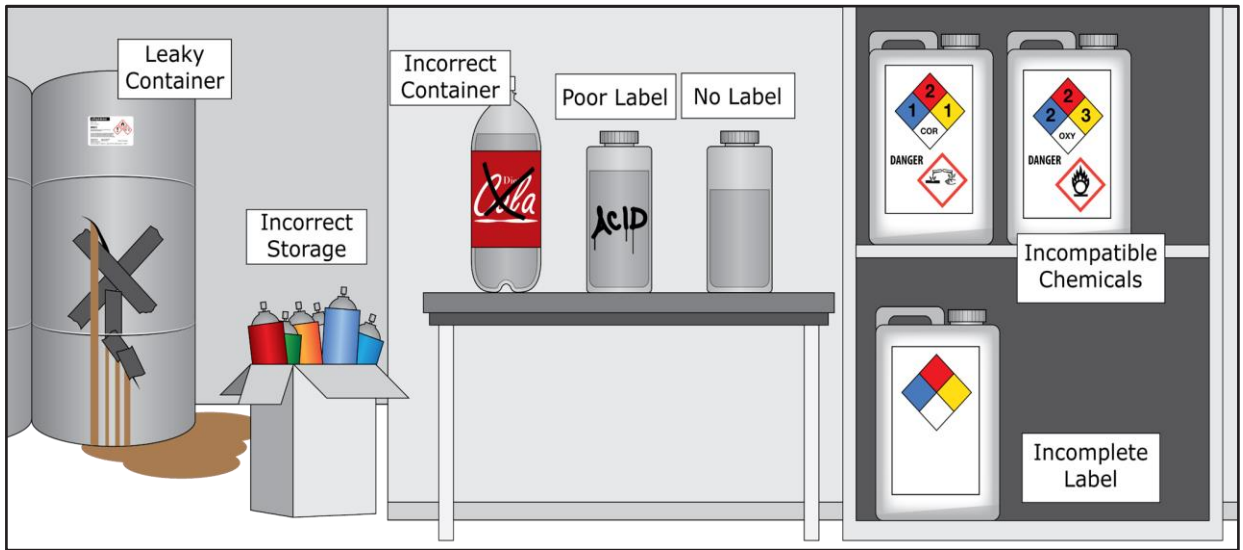
Chemicals are part of our modern life and play an important role at home and work. They include corrosives, solvents, flammables, combustible material, and other chemical substances. In 2013, chemicals caused more than 13,000 acute injuries; according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 3,000 of those injuries required time off from work. Although all chemicals can be potentially dangerous, they don't need to be harmful if they are handled, stored, used and disposed of safely.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Each facility with potentially hazardous chemicals in the workplace maintains a written hazard communication program and list of the chemical materials. All containers for chemical materials must have a label which includes the identity of the material and appropriate hazard warning for usage, handling, and storage. Safety Data Sheets are available for all chemical materials, and you must receive training before you begin a job with a potentially hazardous material. Be on alert and recognize spills or leaks of a hazardous chemical. When you first approach a product, check the container for signs of wetness, discoloration, or package leakage before handling it. Do not attempt to clean up a spill unless you have been trained to do so.

WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER

Read the label or Safety Data Sheet before using a chemical material. Identify the personal protective equipment (PPE) you need to wear (such as safety goggles, gloves, protective clothing or respirators) before starting any work with chemicals. As always, make sure your PPE is in good condition and fits properly. When the job is done, remove and clean or dispose of the PPE carefully to prevent contamination. Never eat, drink, smoke, or chew tobacco in areas where chemicals are used. Keep food, drink, cosmetics, and street clothes stored away from these areas. Know the location of safety showers and eyewash stations and how to use them. Our safety process, as always, begins with identifying and then correcting hazards. Now, it's your turn! Can you spot any hazards in the picture below?



Toolbox Attendance

Questions? _____

Concerns? _____

Days since Last Incident: _____

Supervisor/Meeting Leader: _____ Date: _____

Signatures of attendees:

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