



Hazard Communication Training

Course Description



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Hazard Communications Training (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Introduction

This training ensures that all employers and employees receive the initial and/or annual refresher training for Hazard Communications (HAZCOM). It also provides necessary hazard information to employees so they can participate in, and support, the protective measures in place at their workplaces. All employers in addition to those in manufacturing and importing are responsible for informing and training workers about the hazards in their workplaces, retaining warning labels, and making available Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) with hazardous chemicals. The hazard communication standard requires chemical manufacturers, distributors or importers to assess the hazards of chemicals which they produce, distribute, or import. The hazard communication standard is based on the premise that chemicals have inherent characteristics that pose potential hazards, and workers have the right to know what those potential hazards are. All employers must provide information to their employees about the hazardous chemicals to which they are exposed. They do this by means of a hazard communication program, labels and other forms of warning, material safety data sheets, and information and training. Only chemical manufacturers and importers are required to perform hazard determinations on all chemicals they produce or import, although distributors and employers may also choose to do so. Hazard determination procedures must be in writing and made available, upon request, to employees, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). This training complies with 29 CFR 1910.1200. Concerns about work place safety and for employees led OSHA to issue the HAZCOM standard - (29 CFR 1910.1200) - to educate employees about chemicals/hazards in their workplace.

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