



Working With Hazardous Substances Policy

How Can You Use Chemicals Safely At Work?

Most workplaces contain hazardous chemicals. And whether you're using hazardous chemicals for manufacturing, metal fabrication or simply just for cleaning floors, there is a risk involved.

However your job is to minimise the likelihood of someone at your workplace could be harmed by those chemicals.

The best place to start when learning to safely use chemicals in any workplace is with the Safety Data Sheets (SDS). An SDS arrives with each chemical that is purchased from the supplier.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

The Safety Data Sheets is a mandatory document that describes a hazardous substance and details advice on how to use it safely. Every SDS contains information about:

- The chemical properties
- Hazards
- Health effects
- Mandatory labelling and signage
- Exposure control and required PPE
- Safe handling and storage
- First aid
- Emergency procedures
- Disposal

By starting with the SDA, you can quickly identify the type of chemicals you are using, as well as the risks and hazards associated with each chemical product.

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