

# Material Safety Data Sheets help keep track of hazardous products

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In many workplaces today, workers handle many products they may not know very much about. This is why suppliers who make products have MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets) accompany the products during shipping.

These sheets contain important information concerning the nature, composition and safe handling of a hazardous material or product.

By law, they must be supplied if the product is being utilized in a workplace or if it is requested by a purchaser.

MSDS are divided into multiple sections.



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Section I will usually indicate the product name and any other names it may go by

Section II will indicate any hazardous ingredients

Section III will indicate the physical description, for example clear, if it is a colourless liquid.

Section IV will list if there are any fire or explosive hazards.

Section V will list if it will react with any other compound.

Section VI will list the toxicity of the product and the effects of exposure, either by skin absorption or inhalation.

Section VII will list the preventive measures to take while utilizing the product, such as using personal protective equipment (rubber or

leather gloves, respirators, glasses, etc.) ;

Other sections may be added as\* deemed appropriate to the product utilized.

First-aid measures could also be listed, as could handling and storage methods and potential health effects, as well as ecological, transportation and disposal information.

It is always a good idea to read over a MSDS prior to beginning a job.

Know what you will be working with.

If your workplace does not have MSDS, mention this to your ; employer who can order the MSDiS that correspond with the products you utilize.

Work safely ;

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