

## Chemical Hazard Communication

The Chemical Hazard Communication rule requires employers to inform workers about chemical hazards in the workplace. A chemical hazard is any substance that can cause harm, such as a carcinogen or toxic agent and is used in the workplace in a different manner than it would be used in a normal retail setting. For example, bleach would not be considered a chemical hazard if it were used to clean a restroom in an office, as you would at home, but it would be a chemical hazard if used in large quantities or used for an industrial purpose.

You must first obtain a safety data sheet (SDS) for any hazardous materials that you use or keep in the workplace. The person you purchase the chemical from can provide you with the SDS, or you can find them online.

Your next responsibility is to inform workers about hazardous substances in the workplace by preparing a written chemical hazards program and conducting training to educate your workers about your program. Please consult the Farm Bureau Safety Manual for detailed information about your chemical hazard communication programs.

Finally, you should exercise common sense by labeling containers of hazardous chemicals and knowing what to do if a worker is exposed to any chemical in your workplace.