

TOOL TYPE	TRAINING QUICKCARD	LAST REVIEWED	08/1/12
GEOGRAPHY	US	SOURCE:	OSHA

HAZCOM/GHS CHEMICAL LABELS QUICKCARD

PROBLEM

The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard requires containers of hazardous chemicals used or stored in the workplace to include a conspicuous, legible label in English (or other language spoken by the workers) communicating the hazards posed by the chemical. The new GHS rule includes modifications to label format and information requirements. As of June 1, 2015, current Hazcom labels will have to be replaced by new GHS labels. And by June 1, 2016, the current Hazcom label will have to be phased out completely. In addition, all workers exposed to hazardous chemicals must receive safety information and training on the new labels by Dec. 1, 2013—yes, that's 2 years *before* full implementation of the label requirements.


HOW THE TOOL HELPS SOLVE THE PROBLEM

The following Quickcard, which comes from OSHA, displays a sample label illustrating the format and information contained in the new GHS label. Distribute the Quickcard to workers as part of their initial GHS training to educate them about label requirements. Instruct workers to keep the Quickcard in their wallet and post it in a conspicuous place so workers can use it as an aid in reading the label and absorbing the important information it contains.

Hazard Communication Standard Labels

OSHA has updated the requirements for labeling of hazardous chemicals under its Hazard Communication Standard (HCS). As of June 1, 2015, all labels will be required to have pictograms, a signal word, hazard and precautionary statements, the product identifier, and supplier identification. A sample revised HCS label, identifying the required label elements, is shown on the right. Supplemental information can also be provided on the label as needed.

Sample Card

PRODUCT IDENTIFIER	HAZARD PICTOGRAMS
CODE _____ Product Name _____	
SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION	SIGNAL WORD
Company Name _____ Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____ Emergency Phone Number _____	DANGER
PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS	HAZARD STATEMENT
Keep container tightly closed. Store in cool, well ventilated place that is locked. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame. No smoking. Only use non-sparking tools. Use explosion-proof electrical equipment. Take precautionary measure against static discharge. Ground and bond container and receiving equipment. Do not breathe vapors. Wear Protective gloves. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Dispose of in accordance with local, regional, national, international regulations as specified.	Highly flammable liquid and vapor. May cause liver and kidney damage.
In Case of Fire: use dry chemical (BC) or Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) fire extinguisher to extinguish.	SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
First Aid If exposed call Poison Center. If on skin (on hair): Take off immediately any contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water	Directions for use _____ _____ _____ Fill weight: _____ Lot Number _____ Gross weight: _____ Fill Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____