



JOB AID HAZARD AWARENESS INFO

CHEMICALS

Chemicals are hazardous products, materials, and/or substances used, handled, stored or disposed of in workplaces.

Hazards Involved/Arise

- Inhalation, ingestion, injection, absorption
- Dizziness, loss of consciousness
- Burns to skin, nose and throat, lungs or eyes
- Poisoning
- Dermatitis
- Chronic illness
- Death
- Spills/environmental release



People Affected

- All employees In particular:
- Customers ▪ Maintenance ▪ Manufacturing ▪ Laundry/dry cleaning facilities
- Contractors ▪ Housekeeping ▪ Paint shops ▪ Agriculture
- Kitchens ▪ Hospitals ▪ Landscaping

Existing Controls

- Training regarding specific hazards and controls when using products as well as WHMIS
- Product and hazard information on (Material) Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs or SDSs), container labels
- Hygiene/work practices: wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as chemical resistant gloves, safety glasses, goggles, mask, and uniform
- Regular hand washing
- Store separately and control spills
- Review chemical expiry dates and dispose of substances according to local and provincial legislation
- Trained first aider
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations/instructions

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