

10 EASY WAYS To Simplify Chemical Risks

CHEMICAL SAFETY BEGINS WITH A PLAN

Chemical handling is risky. Your protocols should include assessments and comprehensive training so everyone is aware of safe practices. Here are 10 easy ways to help with your efforts!

1 KNOW WHAT YOU WORK WITH

Be sure you know the chemical toxicity, risk & protections - before you use it.



2 UNDERSTAND AND USE THE GHS

Use the Global Harmonized System, keep lists, label and train employees.



3 PRACTICE SAFE HANDLING

Seal containers and handle carefully - less dust, less odor, less spills, less worries.



4 PERFORM HAZARD ANALYSIS

Understand what might go wrong, look to mitigate risks, and plan to make it safer.



5 BE READY WITH CONTROLS

Smell, smoke, dust? Have fans, water, and appropriate controls ready for quick use.



6 USE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT

Some chemicals require special stuff - be prepared with the right gear & training.



7 WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ensure proper fit and PPE, including gloves and respirators, work appropriately!



8 STORE CHEMICALS PROPERLY

Incorrect storage can be deadly! Ask your supplier - better safe than sorry!



9 BE AWARE OF REGULATED CHEMICALS

Check OSHA's list of Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL's) - follow guidelines to a tee.



10 KNOW WHAT'S IN THE AIR

Fumes can mix and be toxic - assess air quality periodically and monitor often.



REDUCE THE RISKS OF CHEMICALS IN YOUR WORKPLACE

No industry is exempt from possible chemical exposures. Some of the most frightening levels of harm and exposure take place where you might least expect them.

Read all labels, from cleaners to disinfectants, understand the Global Harmonized System (GHS), train employees on safe practices and emergency response and keep everyone safe!