



Weekly Safety Tip

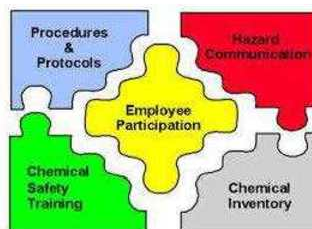
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Let's focus on one of the five pieces to the Chemical Safety Puzzle



How an organization can verify employees not only receive chemical safety information but that they truly understand and can act on it?

To fully understand the risks associated with chemicals and other hazardous materials in their workplace, employees need more than dusty binders or verbal reminders.

Organizations must ensure **hazard details and protective measures** are both clearly documented and actively understood by those who work with chemicals every day.

To achieve a level of actionable understanding among employees, employers must:

- Make safety information accessible and accurate,
- Deliver comprehensive training that goes beyond the basics, and
- Verify comprehension by measuring engagement and collective feedback.

Ensure chemical safety information is accessible and accurate

Employees can't follow chemical safety procedures if they don't have reliable information at their fingertips. Usually, that information comes in the form of **Safety Data Sheets (SDSs)**.

Some employers keep their SDSs in a binder, while others provide access electronically.

SDSs contain a range of important information for employees and other audiences, including safety and health professionals, emergency responders, government agencies, and consumers.

The sections at the beginning of an SDS highlight the most critical details for workers and emergency responders, while the later sections provide more technical background.

Simply **keeping SDSs onsite isn't enough**.

SDSs require active upkeep to ensure information remains current.

For example:

a manufacturer tweaks a chemical formula and updates its handling precautions accordingly.

If an organization then fails to update the corresponding SDS, employees and emergency responders might depend on outdated guidance when an emergency strikes.

Weekly Safety Share



8 Questions to Ask Your Employees

8 Questions to Ask Your Employees about Workplace Safety & Health

Concerns with **workplace safety culture** invariably arise whenever there is a serious harm event to people and/or property, with so many self-styled experts, in **hindsight**, making non-stop pronouncements about the absence of indispensable **leadership involvement** and the lack of elemental **employee engagement**.

Nonetheless, I do not wish to dispel the merit to the fact that **perception is important**, which is why I decided on this questionnaire as worthy of a **SAFETY & HEALTH SHARE** for our SCNWO members.

If management truly does not know what their employees think, it can't possibly help create the **culture of safety** that it wants to exist in the workplace

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Employees are clear about their rights and responsibilities in relation to workplace health and safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employees are clear about my employer's rights and responsibilities in relation to workplace health and safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employees have adequate equipment to protect themselves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employees know how to perform their jobs in a safe manner	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employees know who (at the workplace) to report health or safety hazards to in the workplace	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employees have the knowledge to assist in responding to any health and safety concerns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employees know what the necessary precautions are that they should take while doing their job	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employees are knowledgeable about OSHA regulations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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