

# HazCom and Global Harmonization Are You In Compliance?

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# Objectives

- To provide an overview of the GHS Standard
  - Contents of the OSHA standard
  - Hazard Classification
  - Required Training
  - Chemical Labels
  - Safety Data Sheets
  - Understanding Chemicals
  - Exposures
  - Prevention

# HazCom and GHS

- OSHA created the Hazard Communication Standard in 1983.
- Ensures that employers inform employees about hazardous chemicals.



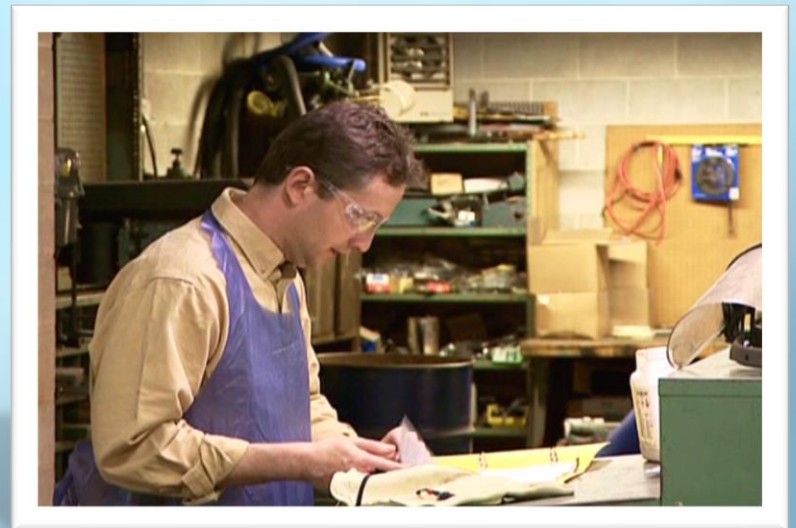
# Your Right To Know!

- This regulation gives employees the right to know:
  - Chemicals that are used in the workplace
  - Possible dangers employees are being exposed to
  - How to protect employees and others



# The “Old” HazCom Standard

- Material safety data sheets and labels were:
  - Inconsistent
  - Incomplete
  - Difficult to read



# HazCom and GHS

- In 2012, OSHA aligned the HazCom Standard with the United Nation's Globally Harmonized System (GHS).



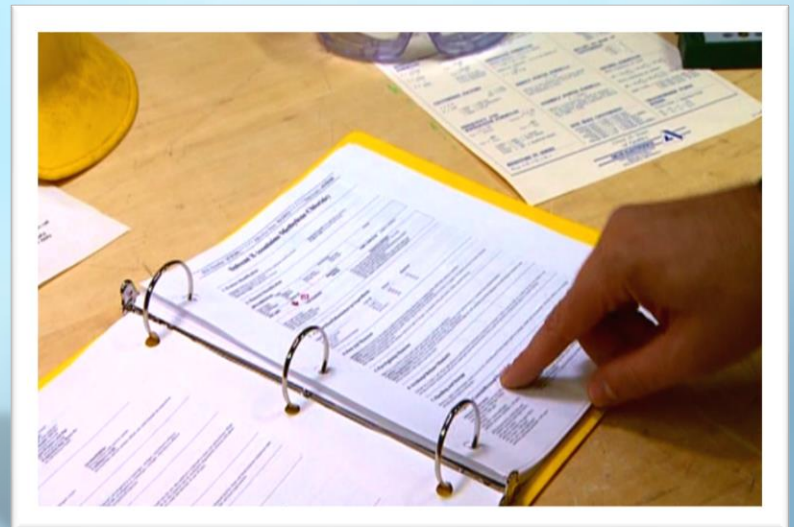
# HazCom and GHS

- OSHA adopted the GHS:
  - Hazard definitions
  - Safety data sheet format
  - Labeling format



# The Revised HazCom Standard

- The revised Standard:
  - Chemical manufacturers create GHS-style safety data sheets (SDSs) and labels for each chemical it produces.
  - SDSs and labels are built using consistent and easily understood elements.





# Major Changes

- Revised criteria for classification of hazards
- Revised labeling provisions that include requirements for standardized:
  - Signal words
  - Pictograms
  - Hazard statements
  - Precautionary statements
  - Product Identifier



# Major Changes, continued...

- Specified format for safety data sheets (SDSs)
- Related revisions to definitions
- Requirements for employee training on safety data sheets and labels



# Written HazCom Program

- Documents, in detail, your employer's plans for communicating chemical hazards.
- Employees have a right to review the written HazCom program whenever they want.



# Training

- **Employees must receive training on:**
  - **HazCom Standard requirements**
  - **Hazard chemical locations**
  - **Chemical inventory**
  - **Safety Data Sheets**
  - **Labels**
  - **Written HazCom program**

# Hazard Communication Program

- **HazCom Program Elements**
  - Employee Right to Know chemical hazards
  - Hazard chemical locations and conditions
  - Chemical inventory
    - Updated regularly
  - Safety Data Sheets
    - available during work shift
  - Labeling
  - Written HazCom program
    - available during work shift

# 1. Chemical Inventory

- When a chemical arrives at your company, hazard information is passed along with it.
- This information is added to your company's chemical inventory.
- OSHA requires that each company keep an inventory on all its hazardous chemicals.



## **2. Safety Data Sheets**

- Explain what you need to know to safely work with a chemical
- Must have the GHS-specified 16 section format
- Must include certain types of information in each section
- Help ensure that employers and employees understand the chemical
- Must be readily accessible to employees in the work area during each work shift

# **Role of Safety Data Sheets in GHS**

- **The SDS should provide comprehensive information about a chemical substance or mixture.**
- **Primary Use: The Workplace**
- **Employers and workers use the SDS as a source of information about hazards and to obtain advice on safety precautions.**



# **SDS Format:16 headings**

- 1. Identification**
- 2. Hazard(s) identification**
- 3. Composition/information on ingredients**
- 4. First-aid measures**
- 5. Fire-fighting measures**
- 6. Accidental release measures**
- 7. Handling and storage**
- 8. Exposure control/personal protection**

## **Format: 16 headings (cont.)**

- 9. Physical and chemical properties**
- 10. Stability and reactivity**
- 11. Toxicological information**
- 12. Ecological information**
- 13. Disposal considerations**
- 14. Transport information**
- 15. Regulatory information**
- 16. Other information**

# 1: Identification

- Product name
- Other common names
- Description
- Uses
- Supplier identification
- Emergency number

# 2: Hazard ID

- Classification
- Signal Word
- Hazard Statement

## **3: Ingredients**

- **Ingredients**
- **Chemical name**
- **Common names**
- **CAS number**
- **Concentration**

## **4: First-Aid**

- **What to do until responders arrive**
- **Immediate and delayed symptoms**
- **When to seek immediate help**

## **5: Fire fighting**

- What to do if there is a fire
- How to extinguish
- What could happen
- What firefighters need

## **6: Accidental Release**

- What to do for spills or leaks
- How to contain and clean-up
- Who to call for help

## **7: Handling**

- How to safely handle the product
- Protective measures to take during use
- Safe storage conditions

## **8: Exposure/PPE**

- Permissible exposure limits
- Engineering controls
- Personal Protective Equipment

## **9: Properties**

- Details on chemical properties (vapor density, flashpoint, pH)
- Appearance
- Color
- Odor
- Viscosity

## **10: Stability**

- Reactivity
- Chemical stability
- Incompatible materials
- Conditions to avoid

## **11: Toxicology Info**

- How chemical gets into the body
- Exposure effects
- Exposure symptoms

## **12: Ecology Info**

- Impact on the environment
- Effects on water and soil
- Other assessments



## **13: Disposal**

- How to safely dispose
- Ways to recycle the product
- What to do with the container

## **14: Transportation**

- Classification for shipping
- Packaging info
- Special Precautions

## **15: Regulatory Info**

- Provides info on environmental, safety or health regulations not already mentioned

## **16: Other**

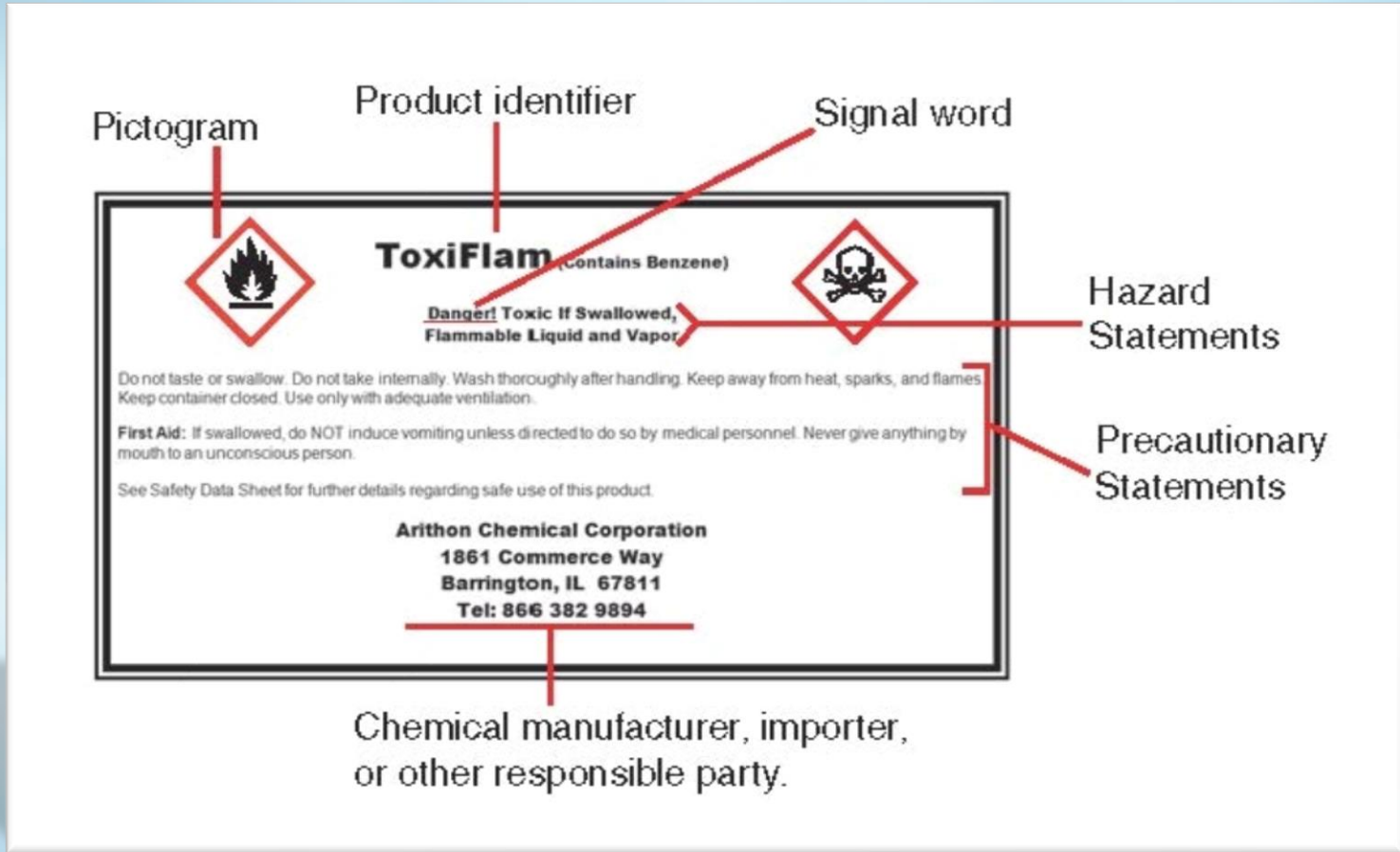
- Acronyms
- SDS revisions
- Any changes or additional versions

# **Employees MUST Read the Label & Safety Data Sheet**

**Employees need to read both BEFORE using hazardous material to understand:**

- 1. What am I working with?**
- 2. Can it hurt me?**
- 3. How do I protect myself?**
- 4. What do I do if something goes wrong?**

# 3. Labels



# What's on the Label?

Labels must have five things:

1. **Product Identifier – what is this chemical**
2. **Signal words – to tell us about the danger level**
3. **Hazard Statement – what kind of harm could the chemical cause**
4. **Pictograms – a symbol that tells us about the hazards**
5. **Precautionary Statement – what do we need to do to be safe around this chemical.**

# Product Identifier

## ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL 99% ANHYDROUS

UN 1219, ISOPROPYL ALCOHOL

24 Hour EMERGENCY  
NUMBER 444/555-6666

NET WEIGHT:  
32.00 LBS  
14.51 KGS

**Danger: Highly flammable liquid and vapor. Causes serious eye irritation. May cause drowsiness and dizziness.**



### PREVENTION

Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Avoid breathing mist and vapors. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Take precautionary measures against static discharges.

### RESPONSE

IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower. IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing. Avoid breathing. Wear protective gloves/eye protection/face protection. Wash hands thoroughly after handling.

### STORAGE

Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool. Store locked up. Keep container tightly closed. Keep away from sources of ignition - No smoking

### DISPOSAL

Dispose of contents and container to appropriate waste site or reclaimer in accordance with local and national regulations.

Red River Chemicals 4568 Front Street Riverdale, Illinois 44444  
Emergency Phone Number: 444-555-6666

# Signal Words – Danger or Warning

Used to discriminate between levels of hazard



**ToxiFlam (Contains: XYZ)**

**Danger! Toxic If Swallowed, Flammable Liquid and Vapor**



Do not eat, drink or use tobacco when using this product. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Keep container tightly closed. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame. – No smoking. Wear protective gloves and eye/face protection. Ground container and receiving equipment. Use explosion-proof electrical equipment.

Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Use only non-sparking tools. Store in cool/well-ventilated place.

**IF SWALLOWED:** Immediately call a POISON CONTROL CENTER or doctor/physician. Rinse mouth.

In case of fire, use water fog, dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>, or “alcohol” foam.

See Material Safety Data Sheet for further details regarding safe use of this product

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# Hazard Statement


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- Describes what kind of hazards this chemical has, such as:
  - Highly flammable liquid.
  - Causes serious eye irritation
  - May cause drowsiness and dizziness.



# Hazard Statements

- A single harmonized hazard statement for each level of hazard within each hazard class
- **Example: Flammable liquids**
  - **Category 1: Extremely flammable liquid and vapor**
  - **Category 2: Highly flammable liquid and vapor**
  - **Category 3: Flammable liquid and vapor**
  - **Category 4: Combustible liquid**

# Global Harmonizing System Pictograms

<p><u>Flame over circle</u></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxidizers</li> </ul>	<p><u>Flame</u></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flammables</li> <li>• Pyrophorics</li> <li>• Self-Heating</li> <li>• Emits Flammable Gas</li> <li>• Self Reactives</li> <li>• Organic Peroxides</li> </ul>	<p><u>Exploding bomb</u></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explosives</li> <li>• Self Reactives</li> <li>• Organic Peroxides</li> </ul>
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<p><u>Health Hazard</u></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carcinogen</li> <li>• Mutagenicity</li> <li>• Reproductive Toxicity</li> <li>• Respiratory Sensitizer</li> <li>• Target Organ Toxicity</li> <li>• Aspiration Toxicity</li> </ul>	<p><u>Environment</u></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic Toxicity</li> </ul>	<p><u>Exclamation mark</u></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irritant</li> <li>• Skin Sensitizer</li> <li>• Acute Toxicity (harmful)</li> <li>• Narcotic effects</li> <li>• Respiratory Tract Irritation</li> <li>• Hazardous to Ozone Layer</li> </ul>

# Precautionary Statements



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# Pictograms

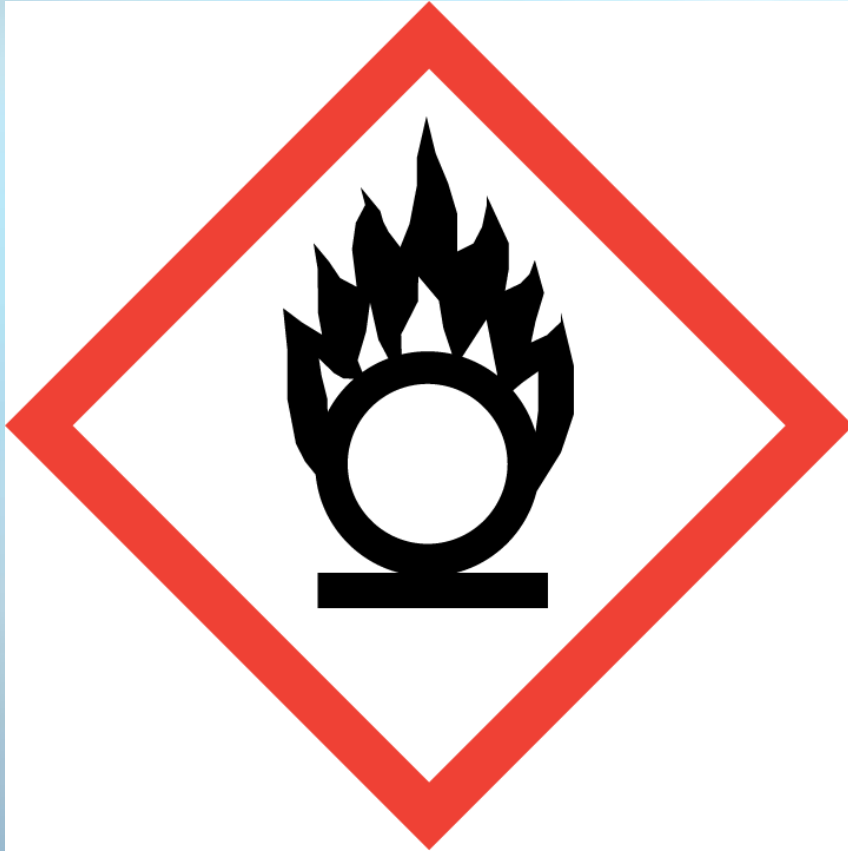
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# Oxidizers



- Flame over the letter “O”
- Oxidizers can cause organic materials to combust
- Oxygen is most common

# Flammables



- Solids, liquids and gases
- May react with other substances to cause a fire
- Could burn on its own simply by coming in contact with air

# Explosives



- Explosive materials
- Self-reactive or self-heating
- Pyrophoric – burns if it contacts air
- Organic peroxide – burns or explodes

# Acute Toxicity



- Severe hazard
- Can be fatal
- Extremely toxic



# Corrosives



- Can cause skin burns
- Will damage eyes
- Can damage metals or other materials

# Gases Under Pressure



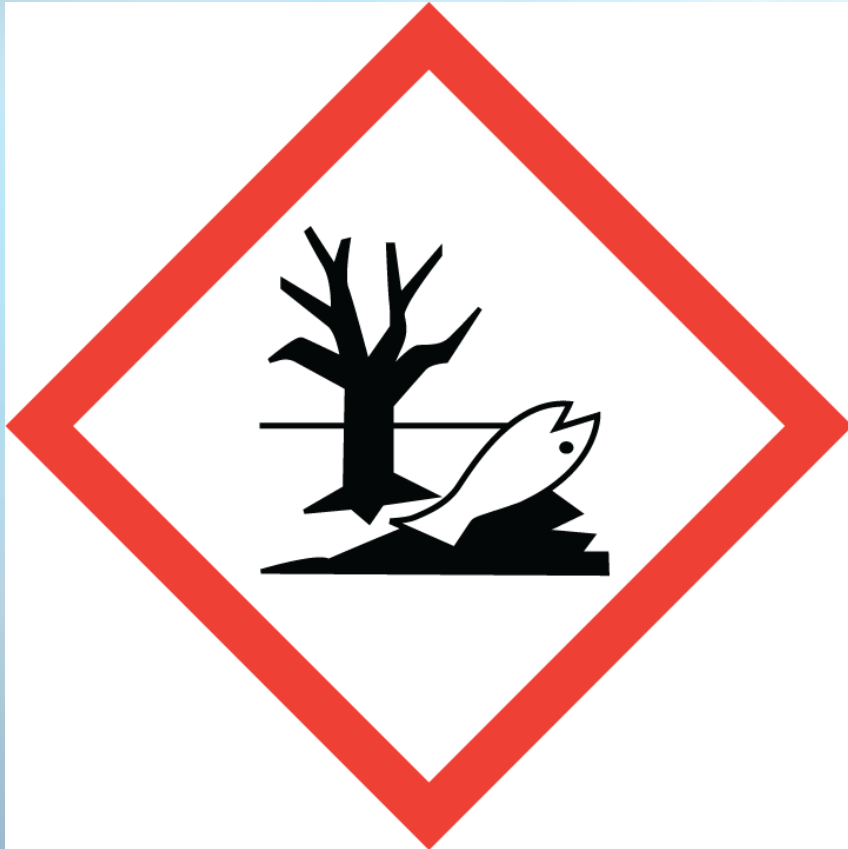
- May be flammable, oxidizing or reactive compressed gasses
- Accidental release causes cylinder to rocket
- Liquid contents may cause skin to freeze

# Health Hazard



- Could cause cancer
- Can impact breathing and may cause asthma
- May cause reproductive problems and birth defects
- May be toxic to organs and damage lungs
- Mutagenicity

# Environmental Toxicity



- Harms plants or animals
- Impacts air or water quality
- Could contaminate soil

# Irritant



- Indicates Irritants or Skin Sensitizers
- Can cause problems with skin, eyes and respiratory system
- Generally short-term (acute) irritations or rashes upon contact
- May cause dizziness

# Re-Labeling

- Re-labeling can take place when:
  - Your employer chooses to use an OSHA-approved label in your workplace.
  - A large quantity of a chemical is broken down into smaller ones to use in different areas.
  - An unlabeled container should not be used



# SUMMARY

- OSHA has kept the framework of its traditional Hazard Communication Standard.
- The major changes are
  - Revised criteria for classification of hazards
  - Revised labeling provisions that include requirements for the standardization
    - Signal words
    - Pictograms
    - Hazard statements
    - Precautionary Statements
    - Product Identifier
    - Specific format for Safety data sheets- easy to read format, 16 Sections
    - Related revisions to definitions
    - Requirements for employee training on safety data sheets and labels

# SUMMARY

- Read the label and Safety Data Sheet **before** using a chemical or substance.
- Make sure employees understand:
  - What am I working with?
  - Can it hurt me?
  - How do I protect myself?
  - What do I do if something goes wrong?



# QUESTIONS



# OTHER TIPS

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Recordkeeping  
Reporting  
July 1 deadline

