## Wayne State University

## FP&M Safety Talk - HAZARD COMMUNICATION

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	he goal of the Hazard Communication Standard, or Employee Right to Know is to help employees understance potential hazards of the chemicals they use or encounter in the workplace. Information about chemicals communicated through training, container labels, and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs).			
	Container Labels: Containers of potentially hazardous chemicals must be labeled with the name of the product, health hazards, and physical hazards (such as flammable, corrosive, or container under pressure). Manufacturer are required to label their products, so containers should always arrive at our facilities with labels. However, if the product is transferred to another container (a "secondary" container), then the person performing the transfer must label that container. Also, if a label becomes damaged or unreadable, then the label must be replaced (including on a primary container). Remember, the goal is to ensure that employees know exactly what product in a container so they can take appropriate action to use the product safely.			
NOTE: Food containers, especially empty drink containers, must never be used to store chemicals.				
	Labels can be glued, taped, or attached directly to the container. It is also acceptable to place them in a luggage tag or a plastic sleeve and band them to the container.			
	<b>MSDS:</b> Labels contain limited information because of their size. More information is available on the MSDS and should be used to train employees. The MSDS will list appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as the correct gloves to use if there will be skin contact with the product, as well as emergency first aid procedures, fire information, special precautions, and spill information. You have a right to see an MSDS for products you use, and are encouraged to become familiar with them. Ask your supervisor how to get MSDSs.			
If required, always use the personal protective equipment (PPE) specified for your job – it is there to protect you. Always use good personal hygiene and wash your hands thoroughly before eating, drinking or smoking so as to prevent transfer of chemicals to your food.				
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