



# Hazard Communication

You have the *Right to Know* about all hazards in your workplace including chemicals and other hazards.

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## Training

***You must be trained to work safely with all potential workplace hazards.***

Such hazards can include chemicals, infectious agents and radiation. Several different types of safety training are provided at Vanderbilt, such as bloodborne pathogen and radiation safety training.

Your supervisor makes sure you are taught about hazards in your work area, either by sending you to a class that is provided (such as x-ray safety) or by providing the information within your department. Hazard communication training is provided each year.

Hazard communication training, including training provided in your department, must include the following:

1. where exposure to this hazard can occur
2. appropriate PPE & engineering controls
3. requirements for labeling
4. symbol(s) used to represent the hazard
5. the hazard communication policy
6. where to find chemical lists
7. MSDS
8. safe work practices
9. emergency procedures

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## Material Safety Data Sheets

***You must have access to Material Safety Data Sheets.***

To find **Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)** for updating the MSDS notebook in your work location, visit the Vanderbilt Environmental Health & Safety web site ([www.safety.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.safety.vanderbilt.edu)).

## Container Labeling

***You must label all chemicals.***

If a chemical is transferred to a secondary container, that secondary container must be adequately labeled.

At a minimum, containers must be labeled with:

- chemical name
- health hazards
- physical hazards
- long & short term effects
- target organ
- chemical manufacturer's name

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*Contact VEHS for expert assistance with environmental health and safety issues.*

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