Chemical Warning Labels
Essential Personal Safety

Who? For ALL employees’ protection

Why? Communicate Hazards
Chemical warning labels provide important information and are attached to the container itself. Only a warning label can tell you exactly which chemical is inside its container. When you transfer a hazardous chemical, the label you put on protects others who may use the chemical in the future—including you!

What? Useage, Reactivity, PPE, First Aid, Clean-up
Usage— Procedures for handling, storage and disposal.
Reactivity— Is it hazardous? Does the label say “Danger”? How will it react when caught on fire, explodes or becomes a dangerous gas? Is it Radioactive?
PPE— Gloves, goggles, masks or gowns needed.
First Aid— Critical instructions for immediate decision-making.
Clean-up— How to handle spills and leaks. What kind of fire extinguisher to use.

When? Read Everytime
Before you use a chemical, even if you have used it before, you should read the label. There may have been a change.

For further information or questions about a chemical, read the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)—it provides valuable information. Remember, if you make it a habit to read all labels, you’ll be confident that your health and safety are protected.