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# RISK REMINDER



## 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?** Usage, 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.



**Invention of the warning label**

**For more information, contact your Loss Control Consultant at (888) 562-7861**

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