

Manufacturer's Warning Labels

Chemical container labels are your key to staying safe.

A CHEMICAL WARNING LABEL TELLS YOU...

- △ the **name** of the chemical—the common name, the chemical name or both.
- △ the **name, address and emergency telephone number** of the manufacturer.
- △ the chemical's **physical hazards**—what can happen to you if the chemical isn't handled properly.
- △ the chemical's **health hazards**—health problems that can result from overexposure.
- △ instructions for proper **storage and handling** of the chemical.
- △ basic **protective clothing, equipment and procedures** that are needed to work safely with the chemical.

SPECIAL SIGNAL WORDS

IF THE LABEL SAYS:

IT CAN CAUSE:

DANGER

immediate serious injury or death

WARNING

potentially serious injury or death

CAUTION

potentially moderate injury

✓ Always...

- ▲ Read the label and MSDS for every chemical you work with.
- ▲ Check that every container you use has a label.
- ▲ Report missing or damaged labels so they can be replaced.
- ▲ Put labels on portable containers for all hazardous chemicals.
- ▲ Be familiar with your company's emergency procedures for chemical spills, fires and exposure.

✗ Never...

- ▲ use a container that isn't labeled.
- ▲ cover labels so they can't be read.

▲ ignore label warnings.



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