

SAFETY FLASH

“RIGHT TO KNOW”

The Hazardous Communications Standard (HCS) requires employers to establish hazard communication programs to transmit information on the hazards of chemicals to their employees by means of labels on containers, safety data sheets, and employee training. Implementation of these hazard communication programs will ensure all employees have the "right-to-know" the hazards and identities of the chemicals they work with, and will reduce the incidence of chemically-related occupational illnesses and injuries.

HCS Requirement	What is provided for SBVC & CHC
Develop, implement and maintain a written hazard communication program.	Written Hazard Communication Program (HCP) for both SBVC & CHC which can be found on the District Safety Programs website at http://sbccd.org/safetyrisk .
List of Hazardous Chemicals Known to be Present.	A Hazardous Materials Inventory (HMI) Binder, the "Pink Book" labeled 2015 Annual Chemical Inventory/Hazardous Materials Inventory has been provided to all department heads for distribution to applicable staff.
Labels and Other Forms of Warning.	All staff at each campus use products in the manufacturer container, which contain the appropriate hazard labels.
Safety Data Sheets	All staff at both campuses have been provided with access and login information on the MSDSonline database, based on the most current HMI. This link may be accessed 24/7 at http://sbccd.org/ehs/msds .
Employee Information and Training	Initial and annual refresher training is provided for employees that are exposed to hazardous chemical in their work areas.

Should you have any questions on this summarized information, or other information related to "Right to Know" please call Safety and Risk Management at (909) 382-4070.