

# Changes Introduced with OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard 2024

## Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Management

Suppliers of hazardous chemicals will be required to update their SDSs. Ensure SDSs are available for common chemicals, including disinfectants, anesthetics, and medications.

### 1. Classification and Labeling Updates:

- Alignment with the seventh revision of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) for updated international standards.
- Hazard Categories: Updated categories for aerosols, flammable gases, and desensitized explosives.
- New Hazard Categories: Introduction of flammable gases Categories 1A and 1B; changes in criteria for oxidizing gases and skin sensitizers.

### 2. SDS Format:

- Section 9 (Physical and Chemical Properties): Additional sub-sections for detailed information.
- Section 11 (Toxicological Information): More detailed toxicological data.
- Section 14 (Transport Information): Revised to reflect updated transportation regulations.

### 3. Electronic Access and Recordkeeping:

- Electronic SDS Management: Emphasis on digital access to SDSs.
- Recordkeeping: Enhanced requirements for maintaining up-to-date SDS records.

### 4. Updating and Training:

- Frequency of Updates: Clarified requirements for when to update SDSs.
- Employee Training: Ensuring employees understand new SDS formats and hazard classifications.



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## Written Hazard Communication Program

### 5. Program Elements and Clarity:

- Enhanced Details: More detailed descriptions of procedures for labeling, SDS management, and employee training.

### 6. Responsibility and Accountability:

- Clear Roles: Defined roles and responsibilities for managing the hazard communication program.

## Accessibility

### 7. Readily accessible SDSs

- Emphasis on compliance with ready accessibility. Ensure SDSs are accessible in areas where chemicals are stored and used, such as treatment rooms, surgery areas, and storage closets.

## Label Requirements

### 8. Updated Labeling Standards:

- Revised Hazard Categories and Precautionary Statements: Updates to align with GHS Revision 7.
- New Label Elements: Introduction of new label elements for specific hazards.

### 9. Labeling of Small Containers:

- Small Container Labeling: Requirements to ensure essential hazard information is conveyed.

### 10. Secondary Containers and Workplace Labeling:

- Secondary Labels: Necessary updated hazard information on secondary containers.
- Workplace-Specific Labels: Additional information for specific workplace hazards or conditions.

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