# Portland Community College Environmental Health & Safety EH&S

**Laboratory Safety** 



# Agenda – Lab Safety

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Lab Safety & Risk Exposures
Hazard Communications
Laboratory Chemical Hygiene
Hazardous Waste Management
Biological
Emergency Response









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# Introduction

Environmental, Health & Safety (EH&S department & staff)

## **Course Objective**

To help provide employees/faculty/staff with an overview of the regulations applying to their laboratory, as well as important safety considerations they will encounter, this Course is designed to review the fundamentals of laboratory safety.

### Upon completion of the Course, PCC employees should:

Recognize the most recent OSHA regulations affecting their laboratory environment.

Know what basic personal protective equipment is available to them and when it should be used.

Understand the importance of good housekeeping in the laboratory.

Be able to recognize various ventilation controls, and know when they should be used.

Know the importance of being able to read a Safety Data Sheet (SDS), recognize chemical labeling and know how to store chemicals correctly.

Know the basic actions to take in emergency situations, including the use of safety showers and eye washes



# Compliance

**OSHA** 

Lab Safety

Hazard communication,

Laboratory chemical hygiene,

Hazardous waste management

Emergency response



# Lab Safety, Health and Environmental Risk Exposures

Chemical

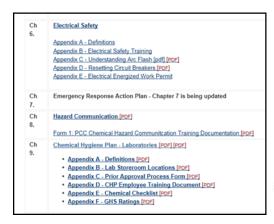
Biological/Sharps

Fire

Hazardous Waste/Spills



Chemical Purchasing & Management Labeling Safety Data Sheets Chemical Usage



PCC Hazard Communication Plan: Chapter 8 of Health and Safety Manual PCC Chemical Hygiene Plan: Chapter 9 of the Health and Safety Manual

Both located on the PCC Safety & Risk Services intranet site



# Chemical Purchasing/Storage

### **Documentation**

- All chemicals go through approval process when submitted through MSDSonline
- Prior approval required for all radioactive materials or equipment with radioactive materials.
- Purchases of all new particularly hazardous substances require the completion of CHP Appendix C Approval Form which is basically a "safety plan" for use of that chemical.
- Particularly hazardous substances for PCC are based on the following GHS classifications:
  - Acute Toxic, 1 and 2
  - Germ Cell Mutagen, 1a, 1b
  - Reproductive Hazard, 1, 2
  - Carcinogen, 1, 2

# **Storage Locations**





### Department Responsibilities:

Train employees on specific chemicals

Safety data sheets (SDS) are submitted to MSDSonline and approved prior to purchase of chemicals.

Must have the correct manufacturer's SDS for each chemical

Must not purchase any chemical without an OSHA GHS compliant label and SDS

All chemicals must be marked with the received date. –observe storage time limits for peroxide formers

Conduct annual inventory to verify SDS available for each chemical on the shelf.

Chemical Hygiene Plan requires an annual review of integrity of chemicals and their containers

Maintain an SDS backup so SDS are always readily available to employees

Chemicals are labeled and stored correctly





### **Employee Responsibilities:**

Read and follow safety data sheets and chemical labels
Use appropriate safeguards for each chemical, including personal protective equipment
Follow personal hygiene practices for eating, drinking, handwashing
Good lab housekeeping
Return chemicals to proper storage area
Wipe down work areas
Follow safety signage
Know the location and proper use of all emergency equipment
Report and properly respond to chemical exposures and releases





Follow waste storage and disposal procedures

Labeling

When do you need workplace labels at PCC? Immediate use containers for experiments are not required to be labeled but stock or storage containers must be labeled.

Does this label meet OSHA workplace label requirements?

Departments should phase out HMIS and NFPA labeling of workplace containers.



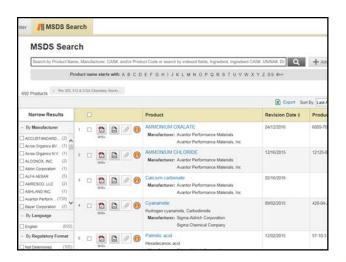
# Safety Data Sheets

**MSDS**online

Lists of hazardous chemicals by location

View safety data sheets for products PCC employees use or are exposed to

Search to view health and physical hazards of chemicals (GHS classification) by location





# Safety Data Sheets - MSDS ONLINE

There are several ways to access PCC's safety data sheet inventory using MSDSonline

- No password or login needed
- Shortcut icon on classroom podiums, PC's, labs



Designated URL (Web page) – must have exact web address to have access outside of PCC internet, for use with mobile devices

https://msdsmanagement.msdsonline.com/company/fbaa552b-9486-47db-8dd3-7c5b26b499f5/



Safety Data Sheets



# Laboratory Chemical Hygiene – Chemical Usage Personal Protective Equipment

### OSHA Employer requirements:

Employers must assess the workplace hazards and select PEE for employees. We will discuss location specific PPE that is available

Employer pays for PPE. (there are some exceptions)

PPE must be available that fits each affected employee

PEE must be provided, used, and maintained in a sanitary and reliable condition

Must regularly inspect and maintain PPE

Ensure employee are wearing PPE for identified tasks

### Train employees on:

When PPE is necessary

What PPE is necessary

How to properly don, doff, adjust, and wear PPE

The limitations of the PPE

Proper care, maintenance, useful life and disposal of PPE



# **Laboratory Chemical Hygiene - GHS**

Globally Harmonized System uses specific criteria to standardize how physical and chemical hazards are expressed on chemical labels and safety data sheets

### **Physical Hazards:**

**Explosive** 

Flammable

Oxidizer

Self reactive

Self heating

**Pyrophoric** 

Organic Peroxide

Water contact emits flammable gas

Corrosive to metal

Pressurized gases

Combustible dust

Simple asphyxiants

### Health Hazards-acute and chronic:

Acute toxicity

Specific target organ toxicity

Skin corrosion or irritation

Serious eye damage or irritation

Respiratory or skin sensitization

Aspiration hazard

Germ cell mutagenicity

Carcinogenicity

Reproductive toxicity



# **Laboratory Chemical Hygiene – GHS Pictograms**

### **Exploding Bomb**



Explosives Self Reactive Organic Peroxide

### **Flame**



Flammable Self Reactive Pyrophoric Self-Heating Emits Flammable Gas Organic Peroxides

### Flame Over Circle



Oxidizers

### Gas Cylinder



Gases Under Pressure

### Skull and Crossbones



Acute Toxicity (Fatal or toxic)

### Corrosion



Skin Corrosion/ Burns Corrosive to Metals Serious Eye Damage

### **Health Hazard**



Carcinogenicity
Respiratory Sensitizer
Reproductive Toxicity
Target Organ Toxicity
Mutagenicity
Aspiration Toxicity

### **Exclamation Mark**



Skin & Eye Irritant
Dermal Sensitizer
Acute Toxicity (Harmful)
Narcotic Effects
Respiratory Tract Irritant
Harmful to Ozone Layer
(Not mandatory)

### **Environment**

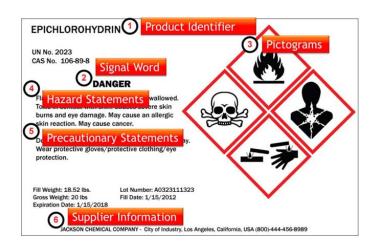


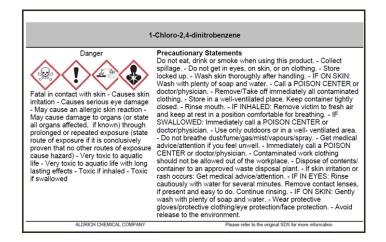
(Not mandatory for HazCom 2012)

Aquatic Toxicity

# **Laboratory Chemical Hygiene**

# **GHS Chemical Label Examples**







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Waste Disposal/Spills

The rules change when chemicals become waste.

What is a waste?

Served its purpose

It's not longer usable

Discarded or abandoned



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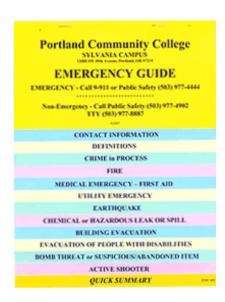
# **Lab Waste Disposal**

Chemical Biological



# **Laboratory Emergency Response**

Injury/Illness





# **Bloodborne Pathogens**

**Exposure Control Plan** 



# **Laboratory Emergency Response**

Fire







# Resources



# What's Next?

Commitment to safety
Engagement in safety programs & activities
Access resources/remain knowledgeable

