

# Chemical Safety

Many people work with and around chemicals everyday that can be hazardous if not used properly. Cleaners, solvents and detergents are examples of potentially hazardous chemicals when misused. By following safe practices when using chemicals, employees can protect themselves against chemical hazards.



## Chemical DOs and DON'Ts

- DO make sure chemical containers are labeled properly. If you do not have an appropriate label, ask your supervisor.
- DO read the labels on the products before you use them and follow warning and instructions. All chemical products have an SDS (Safety Data Sheet) listing the product's specific hazards.
- DO wear personal protective equipment (gloves, goggles, mask, etc.) when using chemicals. The SDS will tell you what equipment to wear.
- DON'T mix chemicals! For example, never mix ammonia and bleach.
- DON'T leave containers open when not in use. Make sure containers are closed and stored in cool, dry places.
- DON'T use chemicals in poorly ventilated areas.
- DON'T exceed the dilution ratio for concentrated chemicals. For instance, if the label calls for one ounce of chemical to be mixed with one gallon of water, don't add two ounces.

Your supervisor can provide more information on chemical hazard recognition, use, storage, and protective equipment.

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