

SAFETY DATA SHEETS And CHEMICAL EMERGENCIES

Manufacturers of products containing hazardous substances are required to furnish Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) for their products. The SDS provides toxicity information, flammability and explosion hazard data, health hazard and personal protection information and procedures to use in case of spills. SDSs may be hard to interpret. Supplement SDS awareness with training on hazards, precautions and spill response.

Hazardous substances are not limited to the laboratory. Familiar materials such as cleaning agents, disinfectants, photographic materials, paints and grounds keeping products may also contain hazardous substances. Whenever there is doubt about the hazards associated with a material, please call UCDHS Environmental Health and Safety at **4-2740**.

Every employee must be familiar with the hazards of the substances with which they work. If you must perform a non-routine or unfamiliar operation that may involve hazardous substances, contact your supervisor for information. SDSs are available on-line at (link on EH&S website) or in your department at the following location:

Information on the UCDHS Hazard Communication Program is contained in UCDHS Policy and Procedure 1641.

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES - Access to SDSs, Medical Records and Exposure Records:

You have the right to see and copy your medical records and records of your exposure to hazardous substances or harmful physical agents. In addition, you, your personal physician or your collective bargaining agent may receive information contained in SDSs. Contact Employee Health to access medical records and EH&S to access records of exposure to hazardous substances or harmful physical agents.

IN A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

Wear the appropriate protective equipment. Follow these procedures when an exposure or spill occurs. Notify EH&S (4-2740) to follow-up on all workplace exposures.

FOR EYE CONTACT with a **corrosive or severe irritant**, flood eyes with water immediately and continue flooding for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses if possible, or move to the corner of the eye. Any eye injury, no matter how small or insignificant, may be serious. Seek immediate medical attention or call 911 if appropriate.

THE NEAREST EMERGENCY EYEWASH IS LOCATED:



FOR SKIN CONTACT, flood the affected area with water immediately and continue flooding for at least 15 minutes. Do not rub or abrade the skin. If a substantial portion of the body is involved, use a safety shower. If the chemical is toxic, or if its toxic properties are unknown, seek immediate medical attention or call 911 if appropriate.

THE NEAREST EMERGENCY SHOWER IS LOCATED:



FOR INHALATION OR INGESTION, move to an area with clean air. Seek immediate medical attention or call 911, if appropriate.



FOR ANY CHEMICAL SPILL, follow department training for spill response. If appropriate, use your department spill kit. If the material is unknown, is more than you are trained to deal with or presents other immediate hazards, evacuate the area, prevent others from entering and call 911.



SPILL KIT IS LOCATED:

YOUR DEPARTMENT SAFETY COORDINATOR IS: