

Shared Learning

Hazardous Substances

Critical information

What happened?

Keeping critical information at hand to ensure the risk of harm is identified and managed appropriately is a continuous focus. Two excellent and simple means to do this for management of hazardous substances were observed at site.

1. Faded or damaged pictograms were replaced by large visible stickers.
2. SDS for frequently used hazardous substances at remote locations transferred to vehicle work control folders to ensure they are on hand.

Hydro Generation Site

What did we learn?

WorkSafe provides useful guidance on requirements around SDS including authority to make a condensed version of the SDS available to workers and emergency service workers, containing key information:

- about the product, emergency response and first aid
- about storing the substance and incompatibles
- other essential safety information

Workers can also use a condensed version when moving between different workplaces that belong to the same business.



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