



SAFETYCHECK
For the Service Industry

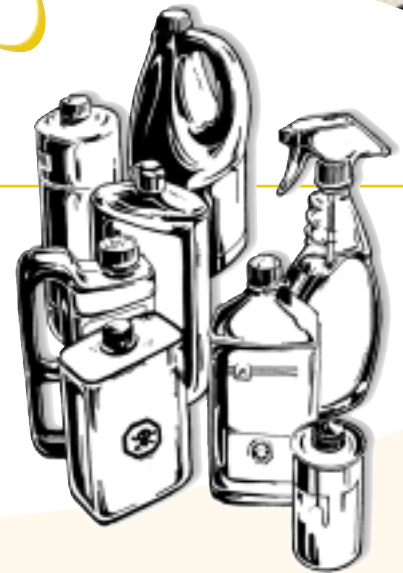


Using Chemicals



What Can Happen

- Burns to skin, nose and throat, lungs or eyes; poisoning; rash; chronic illness



What You Can Do When Using Chemicals

- ✓ Keep up-to-date on WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System) training
- ✓ Make sure all containers of chemicals are labelled appropriately
- ✓ Read the labels on chemicals and the material safety data sheets (MSDS) carefully – know the special requirements and properties of the chemical you are using
- ✓ Keep all MSDSs close to the chemicals so they are easy to find
- ✓ Use all the personal protective equipment (PPE) recommended on the label as well as any PPE required by your employer
- ✓ Wash your hands after handling chemicals and before eating, even if you were wearing gloves
- ✓ Store chemicals:
 - as recommended by the manufacturer or your employer
 - in a locked area with posted warning signs
 - away from food
 - on a shelf at or below eye level
 - in a properly ventilated area or flame-proof cabinet as required
- ✓ Transfer any chemical only to a container of the same chemical

And Remember

- ✓ **Do not** store chemicals in a fridge that contains food
- ✓ **Do not** store a chemical in a food container or food in an empty chemical container
- ✓ **Do not** mix chemicals together

Did You Know?

- ✓ You should receive a WHMIS update at least once a year
- ✓ If you work with consumer products (those intended for home use) that contain chemicals, you need to be trained in understanding and following the consumer products labels – ask your supervisor

For more information refer to Ontario Regulation 860/90 (WHMIS)

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