
Chapter 15 : HAZARD COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW

This written program has been prepared to comply with the requirements of the OSHA standard 1926.59 and to ensure that information necessary for the safe use, handling and storage of hazardous chemicals is provided to and made available to employees.

This program includes guidelines on identification of chemical hazards and the preparation and proper use of container labels, placards and other types of warning devices.

Additional information regarding **Cunningham Paving's** training and information program, material safety data sheets, and jobsite labeling is given on the pages following the program outline.

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CHEMICAL INVENTORY

Hazardous chemicals brought onto the jobsite by **CUNNINGHAM PAVING** will be included on the hazardous chemical inventory list.

CONTAINER LABELING

1. All chemicals on site will be stored in their original or approved container with a proper label attached. Any container not properly labeled should be given to the supervisor for labeling or proper disposal.
2. Workers may dispense chemicals from original containers into unmarked containers in small quantities intended for immediate use. Any chemical left after work is completed must be returned to the original container.
3. No unmarked containers of any size are to be left in the work area unattended.

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4. **CUNNINGHAM PAVING** will rely on manufacturer-applied labels whenever possible, and will ensure that these labels are maintained. Containers that are not labeled or on which the manufacturer-applied label has been removed will be relabeled.
 5. **CUNNINGHAM PAVING** will ensure that each container is labeled with the identity of the hazardous chemical contained and any appropriate hazard warnings.

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS

1. Employees working with hazardous chemicals may request a copy of the material safety data sheet (MSDS). Requests for MSDSs should be made to the supervisor.
2. A standard chemical reference may also be available on the site to provide immediate reference to chemical safety information.
3. An emergency procedure to gain access to MSDS information will be established.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Employees will be trained to work safely with hazardous chemicals. Training will include:

1. Methods that may be used to detect a release of hazardous chemicals in the workplace.
2. Physical and health hazards associated with chemicals.
3. Protective measures to be taken.
4. Safe work practices and emergency responses.
5. Use of personal protective equipment.
6. Information on the Hazard Communication Standard including labeling and warning systems and an explanation of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs)

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT - PPE

Required PPE is available from the supervisor. Any employee found in violation of PPE requirements will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

EMERGENCY RESPONSES

1. Any incident of over exposure to or spill of a hazardous chemical/substance must be reported to the supervisor at once.
2. The foreman or the immediate supervisor will be responsible for ensuring that proper emergency response actions are taken in leak/spill situations.

HAZARDS OF NON-ROUTINE TASKS

1. Supervisors will inform employees of any special tasks that may arise which would involve possible exposure to hazardous chemicals.
2. Review of safe work procedures and use of required PPE will be conducted prior to the start of such tasks. Where necessary, notices will be posted in the affected areas to indicate the nature of the hazard involved.

INFORMING OTHER EMPLOYERS

1. Other on-site employers are required to adhere to the provisions of the Hazard Communication Standard.
2. Information on hazardous chemicals known to be present will be exchanged with other employers. Employers will be responsible for providing necessary information to their employees.
3. Other on-site employers will be provided a copy of **Cunningham Paving's** Hazard Communication Program.

POSTING

CUNNINGHAM PAVING has posted information at this jobsite on the Hazard Communication Standard. This information can be found at the Foreman's office.

