



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### **Safety Data Sheets General Safety Message**

In accordance with the Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200(g)), chemical manufacturers and importers are required to obtain or develop a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for each hazardous chemical they produce or import. Further, employers are required to maintain a SDS for each hazardous chemical they use. Prior to 2012, safety data sheets were referred to as a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) revised the standard related to MSDS to a uniform and easier to read 16 section sheet, now known as a SDS.

### **Understanding Safety Data Sheet Sections**

As described above, a safety data sheet is comprised of 16 sections of various information. A SDS should be maintained for all hazardous chemicals used within the workplace, and they should be readily accessible, without barrier, at the employee's work area. General information about a specific chemical that would likely be most useful to the user will be found in sections 1-8.

### **Discussion points:** (Get a sample SDS to review)

1. Which types of chemicals should an SDS be maintained for? (all chemicals including household cleaners)
2. Where can you find Safety Data Sheets in your work area?