

Actsafes's Toolbox Talks are intended as an informational resource for employers and supervisors to use to deliver a safety talk on a specific subject. A toolbox talk can be an effective way of refreshing workers' knowledge of safe work procedures and sharing information with more experienced workers.

WHMIS 2015

While on the worksite, workers may be exposed to hazardous products that can cause injuries or diseases. WHMIS helps to provide workers with the safety information needed while working with or around hazardous materials.

The Employers WHMIS Program

An employers WHMIS program contains three main components that all workers who work near or around hazardous materials should be aware of. The three (3) components include:

1. Labels

- Two types of labels are included in the WHMIS 2015 requirements:
 - **Supplier** - Supplier provided, will appear on all hazardous products received at a workplace
 - **Workplace** - Generally provided by Employers for any hazardous material when:
 - A hazardous product is made at the workplace and used in that workplace
 - A hazardous product is poured into another container

2. Safety Data Sheets

- A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) provides details on:
 - What the hazards of the product are
 - How to use the product safely
 - What to expect if the recommendations are not followed
 - How to recognize symptoms of exposure
 - What to do if emergencies occur
- SDS provide more detailed information than labels do. They are prepared by the manufacturer or importer of a product. Every product classified under WHMIS in Canada must have an SDS.

ASK YOUR WORKERS: Where are the Safety Data Sheets kept on our worksite?

3. Education

- To ensure employees understand:
 - The hazards associated with the materials being used
 - The importance of the information contained on labels and safety data sheets
- Basic education and training for WHMIS will be covered prior to the worker being exposed to any hazardous materials. **Take WHMIS 2015 online at www.actsafe.ca**
- Training will include:
 - The content required on a supplier label and workplace label
 - The content required on an SDS
 - Procedures for the safe use, storage, handling, and disposal of the hazardous product
 - Procedures to be followed in case of an emergency involving the hazardous product

Attendees (attach Sign-in Sheet if needed):

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