



“Our Work Shows Pride, With Safety As Our Guide”

IRVING MATERIALS, INC.

Safety Topics

HAZARD COMMUNICATION

Common name: “RIGHT TO KNOW LAWS”

Hazard Communication is a whole group of laws that refer, in general, to a person's right to know about hazardous chemicals to which they may be exposed in the work place. Irving Materials, Inc. has a written Hazard Communication Program, a copy of which should be at every location. The idea behind the HAZCOM program is to better inform employees about potential hazards in the work place so that appropriate safety precautions can be taken to prevent injuries or health issues.

The OSHA regulations in 29 CFR 1910.1200 and the MSHA regulations in 30 CFR 47 spell out everything you would care to know about communicating the chemical hazards of the work place. **imi's** written Hazard Communication Program outlines what we will do and how we will do it as concerns complying with the regulations and informing the work force.

I think there are three components of the program that are the most important: MSDS, Training, and labeling. MSDS is short for Material Safety Data Sheets.

There should be a MSDS for each chemical that is in the work place. Of all the information on the MSDS, the hazards data and the precautions-to-take data may be the most useful. This data tells how the chemical may affect the body and what personal protective equipment or other safety precautions are appropriate.

The training portion of the program simply says that we as the employer have a responsibility to properly inform you of the hazards and precautions. This training has to be done in such a manner that you un-

derstand the information. We don't have to do this training every year or on any designated time frame. Everyone needs to be trained including any new employee introduced into the work place. The training must be documented.

The other very important component of the Hazard Communication Program is labeling. It only makes sense that a chemical in a container must have a label on the container so that everyone knows what is in the container. I have found that inspectors are fairly lenient with labels as long as there is a label. It may seem intuitively obvious to everyone at a specific location what is in a container because of the size, shape, color, location, etc. The problem arises when there is an emergency situation. Now someone who is not familiar with the location is there to respond to an emergency and they have no way of identifying the contents of a container, unless there is a label.

Take some time to review our written Hazard Communication Program. Check around to make sure everything is properly labeled. Check for documentation of training. If anyone has questions about Hazard Communications, contact Terry Jones or me. _____



WE HAVE A LOT FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL!!

For What It Is Worth! Important Points to Ponder

1. You need only two tools. WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should use the WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use the tape.
2. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
3. Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.
4. Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
5. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
6. If wisdom comes with age and death comes with age. Therefore, wisdom is dangerous.
7. It doesn't matter what temperature a room is; it's always room temperature.
8. Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Safety is never an accident: it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution! It represents the wise choice of many alternatives!!

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Words of Wisdom:

We must always make a way or find one!
Hannibal

Location: _____

Supervisor: _____

Please sign below as an indication that the material was read.
Also, if you have suggestions, they can be included here as well!!

2004 Excellence in Safety Awards

The recently arrived November 2005 issue of **Concrete Producer** magazine lists the Safety Award winners of the NRMCA 2004 contest. For the first time, imi had winners from 5 different states. This is truly something to be proud of. We had 93 award winning plants in the current award period. 42 plants in imi-South, 23 plants in imi Central (including one Ohio plant), 19 plants in imi-Tennessee, and 9 plants in imi-Southwest (including one Illinois plant).

The imi-South Plants include: Clarksville, Corydon, Greenville, Salem, Scottsburg, Bardstown, Bowling Green -Fairview, Brandenburg, Campbellsville, Carrollton, Central City, Dry Ridge, Elizabethtown, Elkton, Ft. Campbell, Franklin, Georgetown, Ghent, Glasgow, Greensburg, Harrodsburg, Hopkinsville, Horse Cave, Lawrenceburg, Lebanon, Leitchfield, Madisonville, Morganfield, Morgantown, Mt. Washington, Nicholasville, Oak Grove, Owensboro, Paoli, Paris, Russellville, Shelbyville, Shepherdsville, Springfield, Taylorsville, Walton, and Warsaw.

The imi-Central Plants include: Bloomfield, Brookville, Cambridge City, Connersville, Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Greenfield, Hartford City, E 96th Street, Hillside, Logansport, Martinsville, Mooresville, River Road, Peru, Pittsboro, Remington, Spencer, Sullivan, West Lafayette, Winamac, and Oxford.



The imi-Tennessee Plants include: Ashland City, Clarksville, Crossville, Cumberland City, Dickson, Dover, Jamestown, Lebanon, Lewisburg, Livingston, Manchester, Morrison, Mt. Juliet, Mt. Pleasant, Smithville, Sparta, Spring Hill, Tullahoma, and Winchester.

The imi-Southwest Plants include: Boonville, Lloyd Expressway, Fort Branch, Jasper, Madison, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Vernon, Rockport, and Washington.

For the 2004 Safety Awards Contest, NRMCA received 933 individual plant entries. We had 93 winners. Take note that our winners represent 10% of all the plants entered. There is a reason why we say "We Are Proud Of Our Work"!!!