



# Chemical

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Chemical Safety and Security Officer Training

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## Lab Visit



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## Lunch



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## Fire Protection and Prevention in Chemical Laboratories



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## Fires

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- Preventable
- Caused by unsafe practices
  - Electrical safety violations
  - Uncontrolled use of flammable and combustible materials
- Control
  - Inspect, inspect, inspect
  - Educate, educate, educate!*




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## Home Fires

1 million fires and 8,000 deaths annually in the US

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Leading causes:

- Cigarettes
- Heating/cooling equipment
- Electrical
- Matches, lighters, candles



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## Industrial Fires

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- Fifth leading cause of accidental death
  - Vehicles, falls, poison, drowning, fire
- Most dangerous industries from fire hazard:
  - Mines
  - Grain elevators and mills
  - Refineries
  - Chemical plants
- Leading causes:
  - Electrical
  - Smoking
  - Friction
  - Overheating
  - Hot surfaces





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## Key Elements of Fire Safety

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**Get occupants out**  
**Minimize property loss and interruption**  
**Fire Containment/Suppression**



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## Common Myths

- **Fire will light the way out**
  - Smoke cloud & soot
- **Plenty of time to escape**
  - 1 min from small to inescapable fire
- **People are killed by the flames**
  - #1 killer in fires is CO, not flames
- **Wait to be rescued**
  - No! Act to save self
  - Ladders can reach to about 6<sup>th</sup> floor
- **Can not prepare for a fire**
  - Preparation can save your life







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## It's the Smoke...







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## Facial Burns







## Fire

- **A fire must have four things to ignite and maintain combustion:**
  - Fuel
  - Heat
  - Oxygen
  - Chain reaction







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## Flash Point

- **Flash point:**
  - The minimum temperature at which a liquid gives off enough vapor to form an ignitable mixture.
  - In general, **the lower the flash point, the greater the hazard.**
- **Flammable liquids:**
  - have flash points below 38°C
  - are more dangerous than combustible liquids
  - may be ignited at room temperature
- **Combustible liquids:**
  - have flash points at or above 38°C
  - Can pose serious fire and/or explosion hazards when heated

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## Flammability/Explosive Limits

**Above UFL/UEL, mixture is too rich to burn**

Upper Flammability/Explosive Limit (UFL/UEL)

**Flammability/Explosive Range**

Lower Flammability/ Explosive Limit (LFL/LEL)

**Below LFL/LEL, mixture is too lean to burn**

Defined in terms of the amount of fuel in air.

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## Classes of Flammable and Combustible Liquids

Flash Point (C)	93	IIIA, FP>60C but <93C	<b>Combustible</b> FP > 38C (100°F)
	60	II, FP>38C but <60C	
	38	IC FP>23C but <38C	<b>Flammable</b> FP < 38C (100°F)
	23	IA FP<23C, BP<38C	

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**Boiling Point (C)**

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defined in Fahrenheit

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## Classes of Some Flammable Liquids

	Common Name	Flash Point (C)
<b>CLASS IA</b>	Ethyl Ether	- 45
<b>CLASS IB</b>	Gasoline	- 43
	Methyl Ethyl Ketone	- 6
	Toluene	4
<b>CLASS IC</b>	Xylene	27 - 46
	Turpentine	35

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## Fire Safety Program Components

A good plan for safe use of flammable and combustible liquids contains at least these components:

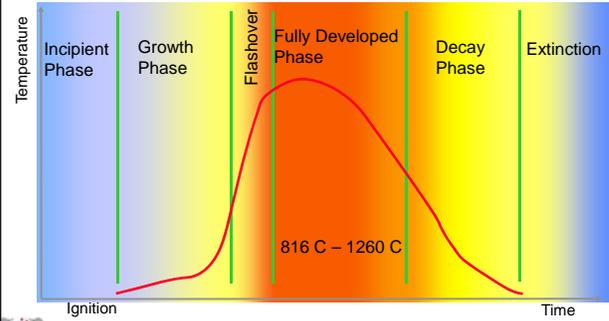
- Control of ignition sources
- Proper storage
- Fire control
- Safe handling

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## Fire Behavior

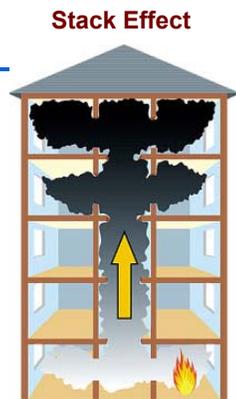


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## Fire Behavior

- Hot expanding gases move vertically
  - Tightness of construction
  - External winds
  - Internal/external temperature
  - Vertical openings
    - Stairways
    - Elevator shafts
    - Ventilation shafts



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## Vapor Volume

### Volume of gas formed when a liquid substance evaporates

Computed from specific gravity and vapor density

$$\text{Vapor Volume (m}^3/\text{liter)} = \frac{0.829 (\text{SpG})}{\text{Vapor density}}$$

Example: What is the vapor volume of a liter of acetone?  
 [SpG = 0.9, relative to water; Vapor density = 2, relative to air]

$$\text{Vapor Volume (m}^3/\text{l)} = \frac{0.829 (0.9)}{2} = 0.373 \text{ m}^3/\text{l}$$

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## Vapor Volume

What is the probability of forming a combustible mixture if a 4 liter container of acetone is used in a room 3 x 4 x 2.5 m?  
[LEL = 2.5%; assume incomplete mixing factor 5]

Volume of the space = 30 m<sup>3</sup>

Vapor volume = 0.373 m<sup>3</sup>/L

Vapor volume necessary to form a Combustible mixture:      Applying the mixing factor of 5:  
2.01 L / 5 = 0.40 L

30 m<sup>3</sup> x 0.025 = 0.75 m<sup>3</sup>

[About = 1 coffee mug]

$$\frac{0.75 \text{ m}^3}{0.373 \text{ m}^3/\text{L}} = 2.01 \text{ L}$$

Since it doesn't take much more than "1 coffee mug" of acetone to form a combustible mixture, the probability appears to be high!



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## Housekeeping...



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## Flammable Liquid Containers



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## Tool Cleaning (Acetone)



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## Fire Hazards

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- **Sources of fuel**
  - Flammable liquids
  - Flammable gases
  - Wood, paper, cardboard
  - Oil soaked rags

- **Sources of heat (ignition)**
  - Electrical circuits:
    - Shorts, sparks
    - Arcs (switches)
    - Heat build-up
  - Hot surfaces
  - Space heaters
  - Hotplates, coffee pots, coffee makers
  - Welding
  - Smoking
  - Open flames
  - Static electricity

**Train** employees to notice & report fire hazards

Periodic inspections

Drills




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## Classification of Fires

With recommended extinguisher distances

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• <b>A</b>	Ordinary combustibles – cloth, paper, wood, coal	~23 m	
• <b>B</b>	Flammable/combustible liquids, gases, greases and oils - gasoline, diesel fuel	~15 m	
• <b>C</b>	Energized Electrical equipment cables, motors	nearby	
• <b>D</b>	Combustible metals - sodium, magnesium, titanium	~23 m	
• <b>K</b>	Restaurant grease fires associated with cooking	nearby	


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## Classification of Fires

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A</b> Extinguish by cooling or smothering. (water)</li> <li>• <b>B</b> Extinguish by inhibiting release of combustible vapors or interfering with the chemical reaction-release of OH radicals. (CO<sub>2</sub> or dry powder: monoammonium phosphate)</li> <li>• <b>C</b> Extinguishing agent must <b>not</b> be conductive. (CO<sub>2</sub> or dry powder)</li> <li>• <b>D</b> Extinguishing agents must absorb heat and not react with the metal. (special dry powder, sand)</li> <li>• <b>K</b> (Special liquid chemicals)</li> </ul>	
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## Fire Extinguishers

Dry Chemical





Water



CO<sub>2</sub>

Placed within ~15-25 m



Annual & Monthly inspections


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## Large Fire Extinguisher



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## Fire Extinguishers



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## Fire Alarm Systems

- **Will it be recognized and followed?**
  - Audible, visual, public address systems...
- **What about deaf or blind employees?**
  - Are there "dead spaces"...
- **System reliability**
  - System failure may not be obvious
  - Supervised systems (built-in monitoring)
  - Testing, maintenance and backup systems




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## Fire Detection & Alarms

- **Thermal**
- **Heat**
  - Fixed temp
  - Rate of rise
    - ~6 to 8 C/min (12 to 15°F/min)
- **Smoke**
  - Photoelectric
  - IR from smoke
  - Ionization
  - Ionize smoke
- **Flame Detectors**
  - Flames – IR or UV
- **Gas Sensors**

**Issues:**

**Testing**

Dust, corrosion, hot processes, weather, mechanical damage

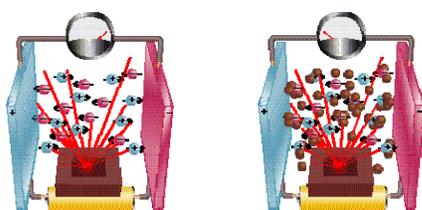




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## Smoke Detectors



- Alpha particles from Americium-241 (red lines) ionize the air molecules (pink and blue spheres).
- The ions carry a small current between two electrodes.
- Smoke particles (brown spheres) attach to ions reducing current and initiate alarm.

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## False Alarms



False alarms may be triggered by construction dust created during renovations

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## Manual Pull Stations

- Manual Pull Stations are devices located on the wall (usually near an exit)
  - Sends a signal to the building's fire alarm system when activated
  - Places the building into alarm



*People are reluctant to sound fire alarms!*

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## Responding To A Fire



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## Employee Training

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**Few employees know how to *effectively* use extinguishers!**

**Need for training:**

- Initial training
- Annual refresher

Emergency Response (phone numbers)


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## Using a Fire Extinguisher

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**P** Pull

**A** Aim

**S** Squeeze

**S** Sweep



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## Water

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- Water is highly effective on Class A fires, by cooling down the fire and surrounding atmosphere.
- Water is usually available.
- It can be used to cool down the firefighting team to prevent heat exposure.


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## Disadvantages

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- Water should **NOT** be used to control a B or C fire.
- Inadequate pressure or too high pressure can cause problems.
- The volume of water can be restricted by the length of water lines and hoses (frictional loss ~3500 Pa for every 3 meters of 4 cm diameter hose).
- The fire nozzle can clog due to non-filtered materials in the lines.
- Hydrogen can be produced if water is applied to very-hot fires.


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## Electrical Fires

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- ✓ Pull the plug out or switch off the power at the fuse box. This may stop the fire immediately.
- ✓ Smother the fire with a fire blanket, or use a dry powder.
- ✗ Never use water on it.




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## WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE CATCHES ON FIRE

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If **you** should catch on fire:

- STOP - where you are
- DROP - to the floor
- ROLL - around on the floor

This smothers the flames, possibly saving your life.

*Remember **STOP, DROP and ROLL***

If a **co-worker** catches on fire:

- Smother flames by grabbing a blanket or rug
- Wrap them in it.
- Could save them from serious burns or death.




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## WHEN NOT TO FIGHT A FIRE

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**Don't fight a fire, when:**

- It is bigger than a waste paper bin
- One extinguisher is not enough
- The fire is spreading beyond the spot where it started
- Smoke is affecting your breathing
- You can't fight the fire with your back to an escape exit
- The fire can block your only escape
- You don't have adequate fire-fighting equipment



***DON'T FIGHT THE FIRE YOURSELF***

***CALL FOR HELP***


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## Remember

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**When...**

- The extinguisher runs out of agent
- Your path of escape is threatened
- The extinguisher proves to be ineffective
- You are no longer be able to safely fight the fire



***...LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY!***


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## Storage Guidelines

- ❖ All storage must be at least 1 m from electrical panels. In some emergency situations it will be necessary to access these panels quickly.
- Maintain at least 1 m clearance from heating surfaces, air ducts, heaters, and lighting fixtures.
- Storage of combustible materials in mechanical rooms is prohibited.



Improper Storage in front of Electrical Panel



Improper Mechanical Room Storage

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## Storage Guidelines

- ❖ No storage is allowed in corridors and stairwells. A cluttered hallway could slow down emergency evacuation.
- ❖ Storage must not exceed a plane of 0.45 m below sprinkler heads or smoke detectors. Storage that breaks this plane may prevent sprinkler heads from fully covering room during a fire.



A staged example showing how storage can protrude into 0.45 m plane below sprinkler heads.

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## Myths about Sprinkler Systems

- **A sprinkler system will cause excessive water damage**
  - Sprinklers use a fraction of water compared with a fire hose.
  - Sprinklers release ~30 – 100 liters per minute compared to a fire hose at ~200 – 500 liters per minute.
  - Sprinklers operate very early in the fire development, and consequently require a smaller quantity of water.
- **When a fire occurs, every sprinkler head goes off**
  - Sprinkler heads are individually activated by fire.
  - > 50% of the fires are controlled by ≤ 4 sprinkler heads, and in many instances fires are controlled with one sprinkler.
- **The pipes burst due to freezing**
  - Sprinklers can be protected with various forms of frost protection, such as installing a dry system or providing heating elements to protect the sprinkler systems.

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## More Myths about Sprinkler Systems

- **Sprinkler systems might accidentally go off**
  - Sprinklers are very reliable; the chances of going off without mechanical assistance are 1 in 16 million; Fork lift truck drivers soon learn to avoid them.
- **Smoke detectors provide enough protection**
  - Smoke detectors provide early warning and save lives, but do nothing to extinguish a fire or protect those physically unable to escape on their own.
  - Too often, battery operated smoke detectors fail to function because the batteries are dead or have been removed.
- **Sprinklers are designed to protect property, but are not effective for life safety**
  - Sprinklers can reduce property losses up to 85%.
  - Combining sprinklers and early warning systems can reduce overall injuries, loss of life and property damage by 50%.

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## Fire Safety Planning

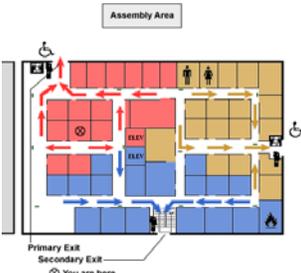
- **Construction**
  - Building materials
  - Fire-resistive ratings (minutes to hours)
  - Interior finishes (3 classes: A, B, & C)
- **Containing the fire**
  - Stair enclosures and fire walls
  - Separate building units or zones (control spread)
  - Fire doors
  - Smoke, heat and noxious gases control
  - Exits
- **Egress**
  - Two ways out, exit to safe area



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## Egress – Exit Route

- Continuous and unobstructed path from any point within a workplace
- Consists of three parts:
  - Exit access
  - Exit
  - Exit discharge



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## Egress – Exit Route

- Exit routes must be permanent
  - Exits must be separated by fire-resistant materials
  - Openings into an exit must be protected by an approved self-closing fire door that **remains closed or automatically closes in an emergency**
  - Unobstructed
- Well marked





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## Egress – Exit Route

- Exit Doors:
  - Must *not* be Blocked or Locked
  - Can use a panic bar
  - Must be well marked
  - *Open in direction of travel*




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## Best Practices: Safety During a Fire...

- Stairs have a bar blocking the steps going down to indicate ground level fire egress
- Keep fire exits and stairwells free from any obstruction to allow for an easy exit during a fire emergency




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## Emergency Lighting



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## Proper storage of Flammables is an important part of Fire Safety




- Limit quantities stored
- Safety cans
- Secondary Containment
- Flammable storage cabinets, rooms or buildings

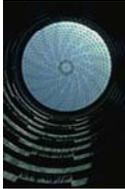
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## Ventilation

Always provide adequate ventilation to reduce the potential for ignition of flammable vapors.





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## Storage Containers

- Oily Rags
- Drying process exothermic
- Container (reduces fire risk)
  - Limits oxygen.
  - Encourage air circulation to remove heat.
  - Limits access to ignition source.



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## Storage Containers

- Containers should be tightly sealed when not in use.
- Approved safety cans are recommended for smaller quantities.
  - The spring-loaded safety cap prevents spillage.
    - Prevents vapors from escaping
    - Acts as a pressure vent if engulfed in fire
    - Prevents explosions and rocketing of the can



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## Flame Arrester Screen

- Prevents fire flashback into can contents.
- Double wire - mesh construction
- Large surface area provides rapid dissipation of heat from fire so that vapor temperature inside can remains below ignition point.



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**Storage Areas**

Flammables should be stored in an approved cabinet in a cool, well ventilated area to avoid pressure buildup and vaporization



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**Flammable Storage Cabinets**



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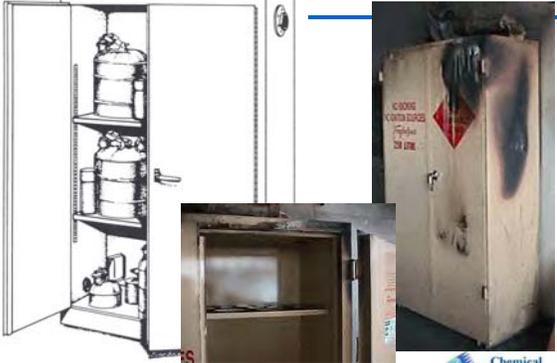
**Storage Cabinets**

- Not more than 225 L of Class I and/or Class II liquids, or not more than 450 L of Class III liquids permitted in a cabinet.
- Must be conspicuously labeled, **“Flammable - Keep Fire Away”**
- Doors on metal cabinets must have a three-point lock (top, side, and bottom), and the door sill must be raised at least 5 cm above the bottom of the cabinet.



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**Flammable Storage Cabinets**



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## Static Electricity

- Some flammable liquids accumulate a static electric charge, which can release a spark that ignites the liquid
- Static electricity is generated by contact and separation of dissimilar materials:
  - Fluid flow through a pipe or into a tank
  - Agitation or mixing
  - Splash filling of containers

*benzene*

*toluene*

*gasoline*

*xylene*



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## Transfer Techniques

- **Bond containers**
  - Containers are wired together before pouring
  - One container is connected to a good ground point to allow any charge to drain away safely
- **Limit use of plastic containers to small volumes (< 4L)**
  - No easy way to bond plastic containers

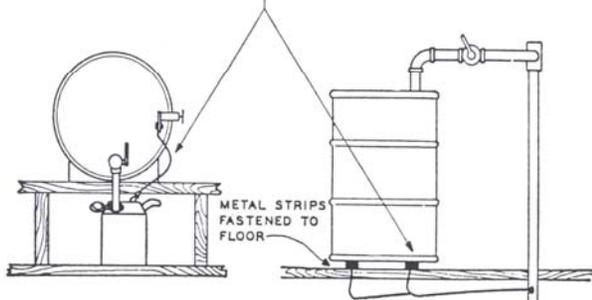


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## Control of Static

Bond wire necessary except where containers are inherently bonded together, or arrangement is such that fill stem is always in metallic contact with receiving container during transfer





## Fire Prevention Inspections

- **Minimize size of fires**
  - Control storage of combustible and flammable materials
- **Reduce possibility of a fire**
  - Control ignition sources
- **Ensure fire protection equipment is operational**
  - Fire extinguishers not blocked
- **Ensure exits are maintained**
  - Don't block egress pathways
  - Don't prop open fire doors



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## Violations



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## Violations

6-Way Multi-plug



Multi-plug



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## Any Questions?





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**Break**



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**Safe/Secure Transport of Chemicals**



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**International Shipping Fines**

- For international shipments fines are severe
  - up \$250,000 fine + 5 years prison in US
- Apply to scientists improperly transporting
  - samples
  - test material
  - specimens
- Dangerous Goods Regulations are set by:
  - IATA: International Air Transport Association



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**Modes of transport**

- Air
- Ship
- Rail
- Road

- Vehicle (car/truck)
- Cart, Bicycle
- Hand carry






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**Always expect the unexpected**

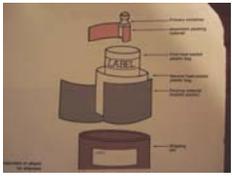




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**Universal Safety/Security Concept**

**Container within a Container**




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**What is a hazardous chemical shipment?**

- Corrosives
- Dry ice
- Explosives
- Flammables
- Gases
- Flammable liquids
- Flammable solids
- Genetically modified organisms
- Infectious substances
- Magnetized material
- Oxidizing substances
- Radioactive substances
- Toxic substances
- Aerosols

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## Are there special shipping requirements?

What are the physical and chemical properties?

dry ice, refrigeration?

Are specific containers required?  
size, strength, composition



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## Specific transport concerns

- Quantities, exclusions, limitations
- Restricted routes:  
tunnels  
bridges  
populated areas



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## Sender/Shipper Should Know

- Who transports the material?
- How is it transported?
- How is it packaged?
- Are transporters knowledgeable and prepared?
- Is there safety documentation?
- When did it leave, arrival time?
- Did all material depart and arrive as scheduled?



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## Labels continued

properly and fully identify material

use proper, full chemical name  
no abbreviations  
ID codes, e.g., UN Numbers

specify  
quantities, concentrations,  
number of containers






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## Labels continued

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indicate specific hazard class  
according to regulations

*include*  
emergency information  
contact names  
24/7 phone numbers

language(s)  
proper universal symbols







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## Documentation

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shipping order  
bill of lading  
manifest

full shipper, receiver addresses  
packing & labeling certification  
verification of receipt




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## Documentation continued

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*Safety Data Sheets*

follow up documentation

require incident/accident reports




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## Handling

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Where, how, who opens shipment?

Should package be opened in a hood?

Is material radioactive?

Is monitoring equipment needed?

Is special storage needed on receipt?



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## Who requires training?

- Managers
- Packers
- Handlers
- Loaders
- Drivers
- All shipping and receiving personnel
- Mailroom personnel



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## Emergency Preparation

- Transportation accidents/incidents:
  - Organization reports
  - Police reports
  - Emergency contacts
- Spill and leakage control:
  - prevention
  - minimization
  - spill clean up kits
  - PPE
- Emergency contacts
  - Regulation requirements
    - local, national, international





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## Emergency preparation continued

- Emergency contacts
  - Regulation requirements
    - local, national, international
- Public relations
  - Designate spokesperson beforehand
  - Be responsive to public concerns





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## Plan ahead

- Have a plan
- Remember:
  - Anticipation
  - Recognition
  - Evaluation
  - Control



Safety equipment should have a routine check.


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## Unsafe Transport of Gas Cylinders



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## Any Questions?



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## REACH and the Global Harmonized System for the Labeling of Chemicals



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## REACH

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### Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation of Chemicals

2007 EU regulation; replaces 40 existing acts to create a single system for all chemicals

- requires authorization to use, manufacture and import
- to track and manage chemical risks and provide safety information
- proposes to integrate REACH with GHS
- creates European Chemical Agency (ECHA, Helsinki, Finland)



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## REACH

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### Life of the chemical from Cradle-to-the-Grave



Manufacturing

Importing

Marketing

Use

Waste stream





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## REACH

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- **Comprehensive legislation to ensure European authorities know and condone what chemicals are used as they enter the EU supply train**
- **Objective is to protect human health and the environment by recognizing and classifying hazardous chemicals so they are handled safely**
- **REACH & GHS are not equivalent or optional but separate legislation with parallel requirements**



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## REACH

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- **The responsibility for proving whether a chemical is hazardous or non-hazardous is on the manufacturer and supplier not the government**
- **The responsibility also includes documentation, tests, classification, risk exposure, labeling, safety data sheets**
- **ECHA will store the information in the International Uniform Chemical information Database (IUCLID)**



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## REACH

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### Four Steps

1. Registration
2. Evaluation
3. Authorization
4. Restriction



ECHA maintains database



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## REACH: Registration

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Importers and manufacturers of substances in quantities over 1 ton/yr must register their substance with ECHA

Registration began June 2007

**December 1, 2010**

- **≥ 1000 tons per year**
- carcinogenic, mutagenic, or reproductive toxin  $\geq 1$  ton per year
- substances classified as dangerous for aquatic environment  $\geq 100$  tons per year

**June 1, 2013**

- manufactured or imported at 100-1000 tons per year

**June 1, 2018**

- manufactured or imported at 1-100 tons per year



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## REACH: Evaluation

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Authorities will review registration and request further information or testing to determine the impact of the substance on human health and the environment

**Decides next steps:**

- action for authorization
- align classification & label
- other action



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## REACH: Authorization

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Decisions on what substances require an authorization or restriction are carried out for substances that pose the most concern, such as carcinogens and mutagens

Three steps:

- SVHC (Substances of Very High Concern)
  - carcinogenic, mutagenic and reprotoxic substances, persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic
- Prioritize
- Authorization provided



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## REACH: Restriction

- **Limit uses**
  - Where no viable alternative exists, a research and development plan to derive a suitable alternative is developed
- **Ban substance**
  - where there is an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment.



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## REACH: Concern

A potential concern may be creating country specific safety data sheets and labels that are compatible with the GHS proposal



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## REACH: Resources

About REACH: <http://guidance.echa.europa.eu/>  
[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/reach/reach\\_intro.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/reach/reach_intro.htm)

REACH Help:  
[http://echa.europa.eu/help\\_en.asp#helpdesks](http://echa.europa.eu/help_en.asp#helpdesks)

About ECHA: <http://ec.europa.eu/echa>



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## Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)

International UN standardization for classification, safety data sheet format, and labeling of chemicals using pictograms, signal words, and hazard warnings  
US OSHA is reviewing GHS for adoption



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## GHS

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- **United Nations proposed system to internationally standardize chemical communication**
- **Countries will adopt on their own timeframe**
- **2008 - UN goal for world-wide implementation**



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## GHS Implementation

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**Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS)** – adopted GHS implementation goal of 2008. The US participates and agreed to work toward this goal

**Japan, Korea, New Zealand** – various stages of adopting & implemented GHS

**European Union** – 2010 deadline for GHS substance classification

**Canada** – Assessing how to adopt and implement GHS

**United States** – OSHA proposed rulemaking at end of 2009. DOT has adopted some parts, still working on others.



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## GHS Benefits

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- Uniform Communication
- Better Safety 
- Improved International Trade
- Lower cost



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## GHS Changes

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**MSDS now named: “SDS” (Safety Data Sheet)**

**Labels will be standardized with:**

- signal words
- hazard statements
- precautionary statements
- pictograms 
- elimination of US, Canadian and EU labels




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## GHS Labeling

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Information required on a GHS label:

- Pictograms
- Signal words
- Hazard statements
- Precautionary statements and pictograms
- Product identifier
- Supplier information





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## Changes to (M)SDS

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**GHS name: Safety Data Sheet (SDS)**

- Format:
  - 16 sections required in specified order (as per ANSI MSDS format in US Regulations presentation)
- Reclassification:
  - (MSDS) Health & Physical Hazards
  - (SDS) Environmental Hazards
- Building Block Approach
  - each country can select portions of GHS to adopt
  - Not every country will require all categories or all hazards




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## Examples of GHS Pictograms

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## Differences between REACH and GHS

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- REACH and GHS have different scopes but there are many links between the two regulations
- REACH aims to produce information on hazards, risks, and risk management
- GHS aims to harmonize classification and labeling of materials
- GHS is a UN recommendation which applies across countries, including the EU





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## Differences between REACH and GHS

- REACH intends to replace current EU classification criteria with GHS. REACH has provisions for safety data sheets based on GHS.
- GHS intends to apply classification and labeling beginning December 1, 2010, when the new GHS regulation will be available.
- Substances will be phased in the first 3.5 years. Mixtures will be given an additional 4.5 years for reclassification.





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## Globally Harmonized System

### Resources




[http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs\\_rev02/02files\\_e.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_rev02/02files_e.html)  
[http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/presentation\\_e.html](http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/presentation_e.html)  
<http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/ghs.html>



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## Questions? Open Discussion Homework






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