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## I Have SDS, so I'm compliant, right? ... Wrong!

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Here's why: SDS must be up to date, available, and useable...and people must know how to use them. They also must know how to read labels, both the original container labels and the secondary labels.

- Do you and your employees know how to quickly find and use the right SDS?
- ... or how to find the right information in the SDS e.g. fire or health or PPE or emergency information?
- ... or how to interpret the jargon in SDS and labels and then use it?
- ... what is in each of the 16 sections of an SDS?
- ...do you understand Routes of Entry?
- ...do you have an actual inventory of materials? ...are they stored properly?
- ...is their quantity and location identified?
- ...are fire extinguishers readily available? ... the correct type? ... are your people trained to use them?



What about Labels? Is everything labeled properly...even secondary containers?

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| <b>Health Hazard</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carcinogen</li> <li>• Mutagenicity</li> <li>• Reproductive Toxicity</li> <li>• Respiratory Sensitizer</li> <li>• Target Organ Toxicity</li> <li>• Aspiration Toxicity</li> </ul> | <b>Flame</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flammables</li> <li>• Pyrophorics</li> <li>• Self-Heating</li> <li>• Emits Flammable Gas</li> <li>• Self-Reactives</li> <li>• Organic Peroxides</li> </ul> | <b>Exclamation Mark</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irritant (skin and eye)</li> <li>• Skin Sensitizer</li> <li>• Acute Toxicity (harmful)</li> <li>• Narcotic Effects</li> <li>• Respiratory Tract Irritant</li> <li>• Hazardous to Ozone Layer (Non-Mandatory)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Gas Cylinder</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gases Under Pressure</li> </ul>   | <b>Corrosion</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin Corrosion/ Burns</li> <li>• Eye Damage</li> <li>• Corrosive to Metals</li> </ul>  | <b>Exploding Bomb</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explosives</li> <li>• Self-Reactives</li> <li>• Organic Peroxides</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Flame Over Circle</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxidizers</li> </ul>   | <b>Environment (Non-Mandatory)</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic Toxicity</li> </ul>  | <b>Skull and Crossbones</b><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute Toxicity (fatal or toxic)</li> </ul>  |

You can see why there are still many OSHA citations under the Hazard Communication standards

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