

# Chemicals can kill!

## Do you know your legal obligations?

Not complying with the law can result in injuries, illnesses and deaths as well as:

- Compliance and stop work orders
- Prosecutions
- Fines
- Imprisonment

► **Thousands of chemicals** are used in Ontario workplaces everyday.

► Health effects can range from **mild irritation to death.**

## GETTING STARTED HOW DOES YOUR WORKPLACE STACK UP?

- Have all chemicals been identified and the risks assessed?
- Do you know what regulations apply to your chemicals, such as for designated substances?
- Are adequate chemical control programs in place?
- Are supplier and workplace labels used to identify the chemicals at work ?
- Are up-to-date material safety data sheets (MSDSs) available to workers for the chemicals in the workplace?
- Is WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System) training provided for all employees and reviewed annually?
- Are written procedures for the use, handling, storage and disposal of chemicals available to, understood and followed by workers?
- Does everyone know what to do in a chemical emergency such as a spill or a fire?
- Is personal protective equipment in good condition and used properly.
- Are incidents, injuries and illnesses investigated to find and eliminate the root cause?

**If you are unsure or answer "NO" to any of the above questions, get help.**



### The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board provides:

- Links to your health and safety association
- Information on the costs of workplace injuries
- Help with return to work and claims management

For more information, call 1-800-663-6639 or visit [www.wsib.on.ca](http://www.wsib.on.ca).



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### The Industrial Accident Prevention Association:

- Basic and technical consulting services
- Training
- Products
- Information

For more information, call 1-800-406-IAPA (4272) or visit [www.iapa.ca](http://www.iapa.ca).



### The Ministry of Labour:

- Ensures compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and regulations;
- Investigates critical injuries, fatalities and work refusals; and
- Responds to health and safety complaints.

For more information see the blue pages of your telephone book for the local MOL office or visit [www.gov.on.ca/LAB/](http://www.gov.on.ca/LAB/).