



TALK LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

This is background information ONLY. Be sure to customize your talk to your operation and facilities.

- ✓ Print copies of this sheet for yourself and each of the participants.
- ✓ Lead a discussion with your workers about the materials on this sheet at a location that is appropriate to the topic. Be sure to give real life examples whenever possible.
- ✓ Be open to questions.
- ✓ Conclude with a brief review of the main points or a summary based on the discussion.
- ✓ Fill in your operation name, location and the date on your sheet. Have each worker sign your sheet to confirm their attendance.
- ✓ File your sheet in your worker training records to document the training experience.

WORK ACTIVITY

Our farm uses many different chemicals in the forms of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizers, lubricants, cleaning supplies and other products. It's important to understand the hazards, safety precautions and proper disposal methods of all chemicals on the farm.

BACKGROUND

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is designed to provide information about proper handling and working procedures of chemicals. An MSDS provides information on fire-fighting measures, first aid, toxicity information and personal protective equipment requirements.

Key Points

WE HAVE INTEGRATED SAFETY STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICES FOR THE USE OF ALL CHEMICALS ON OUR FARM.

If you don't remember them, review them—you can find them:

On our farm, we provide Material Safety Data Sheets for every chemical on the farm. Refer to the ISSOPs for their locations.

The Material Safety Data Sheet will give you (at minimum) the following information:

- Product name, manufacturer and suppliers' names, addresses and phone numbers
- Hazardous ingredients
- Physical data
- Fire or explosion hazard data
- Reactivity data (Information on the chemical instability of the product and the substances it may react with.)

- Toxicological properties (health effects)
- Preventive measures
- First aid measures
- Preparation information

When you are reading the MSDS there are some sections that are more important than others. You should always be familiar with the name of the chemical, the hazards, safe handling and storage instructions and what to do in case of an emergency. Read through the MSDS before handling any chemicals.

REMEMBER: Not all information about the hazards of the chemical may be found on the chemical container. The MSDS will provide the information needed regarding safe handling, storage and use.

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CAUTION

It's important that all people working with chemicals on the farm take a Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) course.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES / CONTACTS

In case of incident or injury, call 911 or your local emergency services, then me or your supervisor.

MORE RESOURCES

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) – General, by Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, available at <http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/legisl/msdss.html>.

COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS

Operation Name _____

Location _____

Meeting Leader _____

Date _____

TOOLBOX TALK PARTICIPANTS

Print name _____

Signature _____



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This Producer Tool was developed by the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA). Conducting regular Toolbox Talks, or safety meetings, with farm workers is one component of establishing a comprehensive farm safety plan as outlined in the Canada FarmSafe Plan, CASA's business-risk management tool for health and safety on the farm. To download the core Canada FarmSafe Plan, visit casa-acsa.ca/CanadaFarmSafePlan, or contact CASA to learn more at 1-877-452-2272.

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