

# SAFETY FOCUS

MARCH 2021



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## DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

This year, we will be working with you to encourage safety participation from everyone at your Distribution Center. To do this, you will have your own DC safety specific topics.

### ACTION ITEMS

- Complete the DTU training
- Review and share the safety topic with your people
- Leave feedback



## INSTRUCTIONS

In the next pages, you will see DTU Extended Learning training modules as well as a safety topic for the month. ➤

We have included these safety topics as they pertain to you and your people.

- 1** Print out this Focus, review the information, and **complete the action items**.
- 2** Each section has action items to help you and your team completed this Safety Focus. **Review each section carefully.**
- 3** Each Safety Leader will need to **complete the DTU training module** for the month. You will be required to complete a course test following the training module.
- 4** Once all the action items are completed, **have a group discussion** about your findings and answer your feedback questions as a team.



### Total Recordable Incident Rate

TRIR is the number of work-related injuries per 100 full-time workers.

A recordable injury is one that's more serious requiring treatment beyond first aid.

Month_Year	TRIR_YOY
JAN 2020	17.44
JAN 2021	0

TRIR can be used on its own to look at the organization's past safety performance: the lower the number, the better.

## FEEDBACK ON THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

All feedback must be submitted through the Safety Feedback Portal.

**Safety Leader:** You will find the feedback questions at the end of this Safety Focus.

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# Hazard Communication: An Employee's Right to Understand

## DTU EXTENDED LEARNING

This course will acquaint you with the precautions that both you and your employer must take in order to safely use, handle, and store hazardous chemicals in the workplace. The content in this course is designed to comply with the intent of the applicable regulatory requirements.

Follow the instructions below to log in and complete your DTU Extended Learning training module.

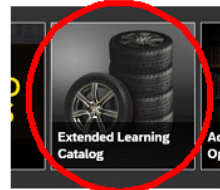


### Log in to the DTU Extended Learning Catalog:

- Log in to DTU on the Knowledge Center.
- Locate the Extended Learning Catalog.



For **first time logging in to the Extended Learning Catalog**, follow the instructions by [clicking here](#)



- Click on View Compliance and select your training module.

If you have any questions during the login process, please contact [dtu\\_learning@discounttire.com](mailto:dtu_learning@discounttire.com)



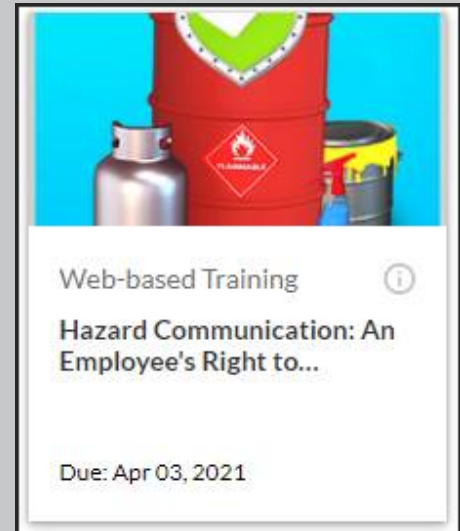
### Complete the Training Module:

- Complete the ***Hazard Communication: An Employee's Right to Understand 2.0*** training module.
- After completing the training module, you will be required to **complete a course test**.



### DTU Acknowledgement:

- After reviewing the monthly training module with your people, have them log into their DTU and complete the *Hazard Communication Acknowledgement*.





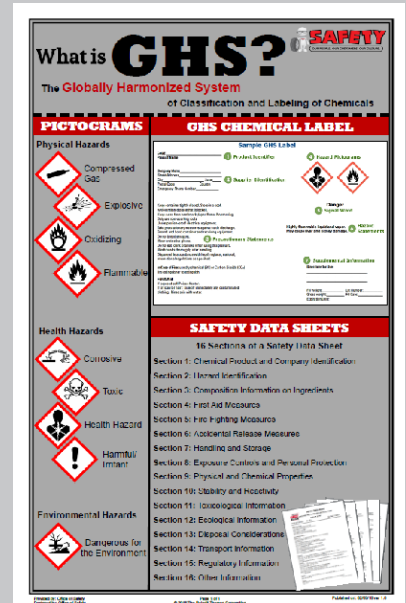
# HAZARD CHEMICAL COMMUNICATION

The OSHA Hazard Communication Standard is designed to inform employees of hazardous chemicals, health and safety hazards, and appropriate protective measures. This month's topic will include Safety Data Sheets and where to find them, proper labelling of chemical containers, and awareness pieces such as the GHS poster and GHS safety short.

## Review and Share:

Review the Hazard Communication items below with your team

- Safety Data Sheet (SDS) – The SDS can be found on the main KC page under Helpful Links and on the Safety Page. Everyone should know where the SDS is located and how to access it.
- GHS Poster – Review the information on the GHS poster. If you need a replacement, please order from [DTPrints](#) Username: store name (i.e. AZP99) Password: Discount1



## Inspect Your Chemical Containers:

Inspect all chemicals and ensure they have the proper label attached to the container. Should you have a secondary container, make sure that they are labeled appropriately.

If you need to print out a label, follow the steps below:

1. Go to the SDS link and find the product for the label you need
2. Click the label icon, then the GHS Work Place icon
3. Choose the Avery 5164 Large Type and print
4. Attach the label using clear packing tape to the container

Secondary Container	Summary/Hazard	Flags	Product Name/Synonym
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A-100 Exterior Acrylic Latex



Print Labels From  To

☒ PPE as Text



Product Name A-100 Exterior Acrylic Latex Flat Extra White (A6W151)	
SDS ID: SDS0001	
Signal Word Danger	
Manufacturer: The Shenwin-Williams Company 101 W. Prospect Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 USA	
PPE Required: See SDS or Department Procedure for more details.	

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# ESSENTIAL FORKLIFT BATTERY PPE

Most forklift batteries contain liquid electrolyte, a solution of sulfuric acid and water. This clearly falls under the category of a “chemical hazard.” This explains why OSHA best practices require the following PPE when working on a forklift battery:

- **Face Shields** Wearable face shields should be acid-resistant and designed to protect against chemical splashes. This is one of the pieces of PPE listed in OSHA standard 1926.441(a)(5), the standard for working with industrial batteries.
- **Safety Goggles**
- **Neoprene Gloves** Acid-resistant gloves protect the hands, which come into close contact with electrolyte during watering. Rubber (rather than neoprene) is also an option, but any gloves used for battery-handling PPE must resist acid safely. Gloves are also listed in standard 1926.441(a)(5).
- **Acid-Resistant Aprons** A neoprene or rubber apron designed for chemical resistance.
- **Eye Wash Station** Make sure the eye wash station is clean and in good working order.



**Remember, only trained authorized employees should charge or water a battery.**



## Share the Information with your People:

**Share the information on this page with your team.** Make sure they know the process they must take to contain and report a spill in their work areas, especially when it deals with a chemical spill.



## SPILL CONTAINMENT

No matter how carefully our people handle forklift batteries and watering, accidents happen. Your facility needs a well-rehearsed procedure for dealing with battery spills. When an employee discovers the floor covered in caustic electrolyte, they should know how to react.

If a spill occurs:

1. **Notify the Safety Leader or Manager** of the forklift battery spill. If necessary, post warnings around the affected area.
2. **Use an OSHA-compliant spill kit** to contain and neutralize the spill by covering the full area with the absorbent material.  
*Grainger Part # 3WMR4*
3. **Clean up and dispose** of neutralized material appropriately.
4. **Report the incident** through the Claims page under the Safety tab on the KC.

## FEEDBACK ON THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

1. Did you find the information in the training module beneficial? How will you apply what you learned about hazard communication?
2. How many chemical containers did you find that were unlabeled? How will you ensure that every chemical container has a label, especially when using secondary containers?