



Risky Business – Finish the Day Safe

Custodians – Handling Chemicals

At-Risk Behavior

Handling chemicals

Why We Care

Handling chemicals can be dangerous if the hazards and proper personal protective equipment (PPE) are not understood and followed.



What Am I About To Do?

- Handle chemicals for floor cleaning/treatment, mopping, cleaning furniture, etc.
- Handle hazardous chemicals to perform job tasks.

How Could I Get Hurt?

- You could substitute a chemical that is not approved for the intended process.
- You could not follow the guidelines for the use of proper PPE. You could breath in harmful vapors/fumes due to inadequate ventilation.
- You could mix chemicals improperly which could cause adverse reactions.
- You could suffer skin irritation from contact with chemicals.

What Am I Going To Do To Prevent Injury?

- Review the safety data sheet (SDS) and workplace procedure to determine the correct PPE and ventilation requirements.
- Wear the proper PPE (eye/face protection, gloves, etc.)
- Maintain a clean work area.
- Use chemicals per the manufacturer's directions.

Discussion Points

- What PPE is required for the various chemicals we use?
- Where can you find the various SDSs?
- How do I know if we are using the correct chemical.



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