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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Whatever your business, there's a good chance that hazardous substances are present. Many of these substances are toxic (causing illness or death) or flammable; others may be explosive, corrosive (burning the skin or eyes on contact), or reactive (burning or releasing toxic vapors if exposed to heat, air, water, or certain other chemicals).



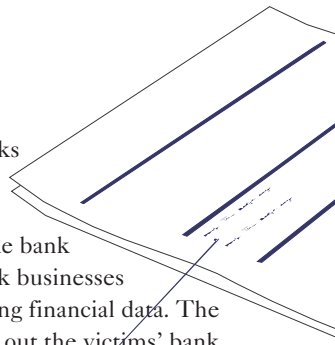
Being in the chemical business, we at ChemStation are very aware and alert to the problems and hazards of chemicals. We'd like you to be aware of chemical presence in your work area. Some substances like adhesives, solvents, abrasives, fuels, and pesticides present fairly obvious hazards. Others, like the toner in your office copiers and printers, you might not suspect. The list of substances identified as hazardous in the workplace is growing all the time, as new processes and new technologies spawn new chemicals. And the number of industries affected is also vast, ranging from agriculture to zookeeping and including the building industry, healthcare, and virtually every manufacturing operation.

The presence of any hazardous substance makes your company subject to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200, also referred to as the HCS, Right-to-Know, or Hazcom.). The underlying premise of the standard is that workers have a right to know the names of the chemicals they may be exposed to in the workplace, the hazards involved, and how to protect themselves against these hazards. No matter what hazardous substance is concerned, you have to meet the detailed requirements of the HCS. ■

DIRTIER THAN WHAT?

Did you know the average office desk contains 400 times more bacteria as the average toilet seat? Too bad you can't flush your desk. Researchers at the University of Arizona make this claim and add that phones, faxes and even keyboards are filthy as well. Urban desks checked were the dirtiest. The study checked 7,000 desks and suggested that people have taken to regularly eating at their desks. They suggest disinfectant, not just moving things around. ■

IDENTITY THEFT SCAM



Warning: scrutinize correspondence from banks and the Internal Revenue Service closely! The IRS has issued a nationwide alert warning taxpayers of a new scam that uses fake bank letters and IRS forms to trick businesses and individuals into disclosing financial data. The data are then used to empty out the victims' bank accounts and steal their identity.

A copy of the scam letter and phony form can be found at the Treasury Department Web site, www.occ.treas.gov/ftp/alert/2002%2D3.txt. For more on protecting against identity theft, go to www.consumer.gov/idtheft. ■

KEEPING IT CLEAN

For more than 15 years, ChemStation franchises around the country have been providing custom-blended cleaning solutions to a wide variety of industries. What began as a handful of products used in a few applications has grown to thousands of uniquely formulated concentrations that are used on hundreds of surfaces.

ChemStation's team of chemists and technical support staff work closely with our network of sales representatives to develop new cleaning solutions to meet the daily challenges of business and industry.

Every year we count the thousands upon thousands of rusty drums that didn't make it to the landfills because of our unique refillable tank system and smile because we're doing our part to keep the environment clean. ■

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Are your Grilled Steaks Legal?

There's something you should know about your grill's fuel tanks. As of April 1, 2002, several states do not allow propane cylinders unequipped with overfill protection devices (OPDs) to be filled… by anyone.

An OPD valve ensures propane cylinders are not filled to more than 80 percent of capacity, a safety measure that could eliminate dangerous, and possibly deadly situations.

If your state has opted to adopt the new version safety valve, you'll probably find out the next time you take yours to be refilled… at which time you'll have three options. You can get your old propane tank retrofitted, you can simply buy a new tank, or find an exchange service who will swap your outdated version for one of the new ones.

These photos will tell you at a glance whether your valves are old or new. The handles tell the tale. If the handle is round or star-shaped, the cylinder is outdated. A triangular handle is what you will see on the updated version. ■



Old Valve New Valve



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Soapbox

History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon. – *Napoleon Bonaparte*

Lightening facts: The average lightning stroke is six miles long. The temperature of lightning's return stroke can reach 50,000°F (which is hotter than the sun's surface, 11,000°F).

In 1902 the U.S. Population was 80 million; in 2000 it was 281 million. – *U.S. Census Bureau*

Kings never cheat, they adapt to circumstances. – *Anonymous*

How do they get the deer to cross at that yellow road sign?

The University of Warwick in England has devised a method for calculating the exact value of a person's time based on salary, taxation and cost-of-living data. Using that formula, they determined that an hour of a person's time is, on average, worth about $9 for men and about $7 for women. – *Money Magazine*

Famous last words: "640K ought to be enough for anybody." – *Bill Gates, 1981*

If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts. – *Albert Einstein*

Aging, v. (1) the only way to live a long time; (2) something which no one should regret – as it is denied to many; (3) a state which doesn't necessarily bring wisdom – it merely makes you less foolish; (4) is having to put up with listening to a lot of advice from one's children; (5) is identified when you find you are spending more time talking to your druggist than your bartender; (6) the only thing some people do as they get on in years; (7) a process which makes our bodies grow shorter, our hair lessen, and our anecdotes grow longer.

The number of children living with stay-at-home dads has jumped 70% since 1990 to 1.7 million. – *U.S. Census Bureau*

Blooper Headline: Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers.

Disks are always full. It is futile to try to get more disk space. Data expands to fill any void.

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