A Chemical Warning Label Tells You

- the name of the chemical - the common name, the chemical name or both.
- the name, address and emergency telephone number of the manufacturer.
- the chemical's physical hazards - what can happen to you if the chemical isn't handled properly.
- the chemical's health hazards - health problems that can result from overexposure.
- instructions for proper storage and handling of the chemical.
- basic protective clothing, equipment and procedures that are needed to work safely with the chemical.

Signal Words

Each label identifies a possible cause

**DANGER**

immediate serious injury or death

**WARNING**

potentially serious injury or death

**CAUTION**

potentially moderate injury

**Always...**

- Read the label and MSDS for every chemical you work with.
- Check that every container you use has a label.
- Report missing or damaged labels so they can be replaced.
- Put labels on portable containers for all hazardous chemicals.
- Be familiar with your company's emergency procedures for chemical spills, fires and exposure.

**Never...**

- use a container that isn't labeled.
- cover labels so they can't be read.
- ignore label warnings.