

EMPLOYEE WELFARE

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HAZARD COMMUNICATION ACT	The District shall perform the following duties in compliance with the Hazard Communication Act:
NOTICE	1. Post and maintain the notice promulgated by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) in the workplace. <i>Health and Safety Code 502.017(a)</i>
EDUCATION AND TRAINING	2. Provide an education and training program for employees using or handling hazardous chemicals. "Employee" means any person who may be or may have been exposed to hazardous chemicals in the person's workplace under normal operating conditions or foreseeable emergencies. Workers such as office workers or accountants who encounter hazardous chemicals only in nonroutine, isolated instances are not employees for purposes of these requirements. <i>Health and Safety Code 502.003(10), 502.009</i>
	3. Maintain the written hazard communication program and a record of each training session to employees, including the date, a roster of the employees who attend, the subjects covered in the training session, and the names of the instructors. Records shall be maintained for at least five years. <i>Health and Safety Code 502.009(g)</i>
WORKPLACE CHEMICAL LIST	4. Compile and maintain a workplace chemical list that includes required information for each hazardous chemical normally present in the workplace or temporary workplace in excess of 55 gallons or 500 pounds, or as determined by the TDSHS for certain highly toxic or dangerous hazardous chemicals. The list shall be readily available to employees and their representatives. <i>Health and Safety Code 502.005(a), (c)</i>
	5. Update the list as necessary, but at least by December 31 each year, and maintain at least 30 years. Each workplace chemical list shall be dated and signed by the person responsible for compiling the information. <i>Health and Safety Code 502.005(b), (d)</i>
LABELING	6. As required by law, label new or existing stocks of hazardous chemicals with the identity of the chemical and appropriate hazard warnings, if such stocks are not already appropriately labeled. <i>Health and Safety Code 502.007</i>
MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS	7. Maintain a legible copy of the most current manufacturer's material safety data sheets (MSDS) for each hazardous chemical; request such sheets from the manufacturer if not already provided or otherwise obtain a current MSDS; make such sheets readily available to employees or their representatives on request. <i>Health and Safety Code 502.006</i>

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PROTECTIVE  
EQUIPMENT

8. Provide employees with appropriate personal protective equipment. *Health and Safety Code 502.017(b)*

PEST CONTROL  
TREATMENT NOTICE

The chief administrator or building manager shall notify persons who work in a District building or facility of a planned pest control treatment by both of the following methods:

1. Posting the sign provided by the certified applicator or technician in an area of common access the employees are likely to check on a regular basis at least 48 hours before each planned treatment.
2. Providing the official Structural Pest Control Service Consumer Information Sheet to any individual working in the building, on request.

*Occupations Code 1951.455; 4 TAC 7.146*