

READING SAFETY DATA SHEETS

CHEMICAL SAFETY | THINK AHEAD. CONTROL THE HAZARD. PROTECT THE CREW.

Today we are discussing reading safety data sheets. Review the job, identify the specific exposure, and agree on the controls before work begins.

COMMON HAZARDS AND SAFEGUARDS

- Confirm the product name matches the container label
- Review hazards, exposure routes, and warning signs
- Check required PPE and exposure controls
- Know first-aid, spill, and firefighting guidance
- Review incompatibilities and storage requirements
- Keep the current SDS readily accessible

THE COMMON-SENSE CHECK

- 1 What can go wrong during reading safety data sheets?
- 2 Which of today's conditions increases the risk?
- 3 Are isolation, permits, and equipment verified?
- 4 Does everyone understand the controls and limits?
- 5 What will make us stop, withdraw, or raise the alarm?

CONTROL THE EXPOSURE

PLAN

Confirm the product name matches the container label

VERIFY

Review hazards, exposure routes, and warning signs

CONTROL

Check required PPE and exposure controls

RESPOND

Keep the current SDS readily accessible

ASK THE CREW

1. Where could this hazard affect us during today's work?

2. Which control must be verified before we begin?

3. What condition requires us to stop work or evacuate?

DATE: _____ SUPERVISOR: _____ CREW / LOCATION: _____