



Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority

# Safety Bulletin

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**Subject Overview:** The NFTA has a written Hazard Communication Program in accordance with OSHA's Hazard Communication Regulation, 29 CFR 1910.1200. The intent of the program is to ensure that employees are informed of the OSHA Hazard Communications standard, the hazardous properties of chemicals in the workplace, the safe handling procedures, and the necessary protective measures implemented to reduce employee exposure.

All requests for chemical procurement shall be submitted to the HSEQ Department through the new system, CloudSDS. Upon approval by the HSEQ department, the chemical may then be purchased and used only as indicated in the request process. Once approved, you will be able to easily access the safety data sheets (SDSs) of every chemical in the workplace through the CloudSDS system.

Every SDS has sixteen sections, which includes information such as: the properties of each chemical; the physical, health, and environmental health hazards; protective measures; and safety precautions for handling, storing, and transporting the chemical.

### Hazard Communication Tips

- Only chemicals approved through the company's CloudSDS system can be utilized in the workplace. Refrain from bringing in chemicals from home or purchase by deviating from NFTA procedure. Certain products, such as Raid, are prohibited from being utilized in the workplace.
- All chemical containers must have a label, which indicates what the product contents are. Unlabeled bottles or bottles with multiple names can cause confusion and have dangerous consequences;
- Ensure that chemicals are stored properly and in an orderly fashion;
- Before introducing a new chemical into the workplace, supervision will train employees regarding chemical properties and usage;
- If you are an employee who works with or is potentially exposed to hazardous chemicals, attend the required, annual training;
- Copies of the most recent Hazard Communication Program can be found on the NFTA shared drive or through your supervisor.



Looking to purchase a new chemical and need assistance in doing so? Need to find the SDS of a chemical in our workplace?

Visit our elements page:

<https://elements.nfta.com/departments/hseq/> to find a step-by step-guide to the new, CloudSDS system.

The cleaning supplies in the MTC Facilities Department are kept orderly in the original containers. Great job!