

The Occupational and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued regulations to help control chemical exposure on the job. It is commonly called “hazcom” or the “Right to Know Law.” It can be found at 29CFR1910.1200

The hazcom standard requires that all chemicals in your workplace be fully evaluated for possible physical or health hazards and, it mandates that all information relating to these hazards be made available to you.

Your school district has access to Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for each hazardous chemical it uses. Follow the following directions in order to access current Material Safety Data Sheets online. Remember, the material safety data sheets you have filed in the past must be kept for 30 years. Do not destroy them.

HOW TO ACCESS MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS ONLINE

- Step 1:** Go to <http://www.nefec.org/safety>
- Step 2:** Scroll to Material Safety Data Sheets Search (highlighted yellow letters) at the top of the page. Click on the letters.
- Step 3:** Scroll to the middle of the page. Click on the starting letter of the chemical. An alternative method is to type the chemical name in the “product name” box and/or the manufacturer name in the manufacturer box. Then click on the search box. The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) will come up.
- Step 4:** If the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) cannot be found click on Go to Advanced Search. If the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is not found, and you get 0 results, click on click here to Search MSDSonline.
- Step 5:** If the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) cannot be found after searching MSDSonline, contact your district Risk Manager at 386-326-4586 Robin Padgett

