WHMIS Policy (Federal Version)



WHMIS, short for Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System, is designed to ensure that workers are made aware of the hazardous chemicals and other products to which they're exposed in the workplace, the hazards posed by each product and the precautions needed to protect themselves. Key elements of the WHMIS system designed to effectuate the worker's "right to know" include training and education, container labels and so called Safety Data Sheets (SDS)—formerly known as Material Safety Data Sheets or MSDS—prepared by the product's manufacturer to describe the product's chemical characteristics, risks, use instructions and other key safety information.