

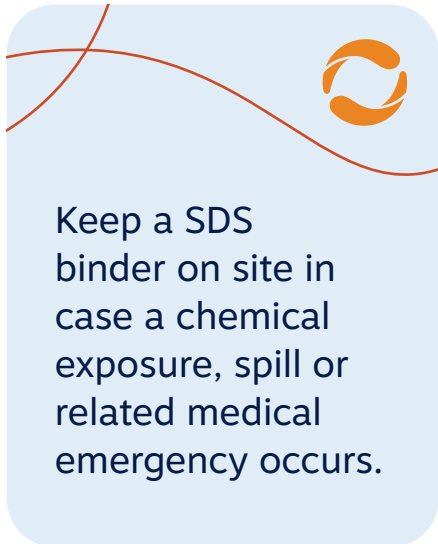
# Safety Data Sheets



*A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is information designed and provided by manufactures that include proper procedures for handling or working with hazardous chemicals. A SDS provides information on fire fighting measures, first aid and personal protective equipment requirements. Review the following SDS safety tips with your employees.*

## Toolbox Tips

- A SDS must be present on site for each hazardous chemical or product.
  - Coal tar pitch, roofing chemicals
  - Cleaners, solvents, paints
  - Lubricants, oils, fluids
- If a SDS does not arrive with a shipment of chemicals or products, contact the salesperson or manufacturer for a copy.
- If an employee regularly uses a chemical, they need to read the SDS and know where copies are kept.
- Review the SDS for a commonly used product. Discuss how to:
  - Fight a fire involving the chemical.
  - Administer first aid if chemical exposure occurs.
  - Notify emergency services.
  - Clean up a spill.
  - Determine proper personal protective equipment.
  - Call out differences in each SDS, as they vary by manufacturer.
- Contractors must make all SDS's available to their employees.
- Keep a SDS binder on site in case a chemical exposure, spill or related medical emergency occurs.
- All employees should know where the SDS binder is located.



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