



# MCAMW Service Bureau Safety Newsletter

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## SAFETY MATTERS BY SAFETY SAM

### **OSHA's *NEW* Hazard Communication Standard Goes in Effect May 25, 2013**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently revised its Hazard Communication Standard to match that of the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), in efforts to improve safety and health protections for Americans. The final rule goes into effect May 25, 2013. The changes will help provide workers faster and more efficient access to information on the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) so they can determine what chemical hazards they may be exposed to in the workplace. Major changes to the Hazard Communication Standard include hazard classification, labeling, safety data sheets and training requirements. Deadlines are as follows. For more details, visit this web address: <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/HCSFactsheet.html>.

December 1, 2013: Workers must be trained on the new label elements and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) format.

June 1, 2016: Labeling and hazard communication programs must be updated and additional employee training must be provided for newly identified physical or health hazards.

***Remember: There are Good Habits, there are Bad Habits, and there are Safety Habits.....  
Safety Habits Save Your Life.***

**NOTE: PLEASE SHARE THIS ADVISORY AT YOUR SAFETY AND SERVICE MEETINGS,  
PROVIDE A COPY TO YOUR SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND POST A COPY ON YOUR**

### *Tip of the Month*

At your next Safety Meeting,  
remind personnel to continue to update and review their Safety Data Sheets.  
Apps are now available, such as "MSDS Mobile."

**NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN BOARDS.** All information in this Newsletter has been provided by members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Metropolitan Washington Safety Committee. The purpose of this newsletter is to heighten your awareness of safety procedures.

**This Newsletter will be sent to all MCAMW members.**  
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