
Hazard Communication

915.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of district members who may be occupationally exposed to hazardous chemicals in the workplace.

915.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Blue Ridge Fire District to develop, implement and maintain a written chemical hazard communication program for members to use as a reference. The program shall minimally describe how district members will receive information and training on the criteria specified for labels and other forms of warning and Safety Data Sheets (SDS).

915.3 PROCEDURE

The Fire Chief or the authorized designee should develop, implement and maintain a written chemical hazard communication program that includes, but is not limited to (29 CFR 1910.1200; AAC § R20-5-602):

- (a) A list of hazardous chemicals known to be present in the workplace. The list may be compiled for the workplace as a whole or for individual work areas.
- (b) The methods the District will use to inform and train members of the hazards of non-routine tasks and the hazards associated with chemicals in unlabeled pipes in member work areas.
- (c) The District shall make the written chemical hazard communication program available, upon request, to members, to their designated representatives, to Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health (ADOSH) and to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).
- (d) The District shall establish a procedure to ensure that each container of a hazardous chemical is labeled, tagged or marked with the following information:
 1. Identity of the hazardous chemical
 2. Appropriate hazard warnings
 3. Name and address of the manufacturer, importer or other responsible party

915.4 SAFETY DATA SHEETS

The District shall have an SDS for each hazardous chemical that is in use in the workplace. The SDS concerning a hazardous chemical shall be readily accessible to members and prepared in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.1200(g)(2) (AAC § R20-5-602).

915.5 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

See the Hazard Communication Program Training Policy.