



SDS Sheets

One of the most commonly over looked safety items in construction is SDS or "Safety Data Sheets" formally know as MSDS "Material Safety Data Sheets" SDS sheets are not needed often in our industry however when we do need them they serve a critical part in the health and safety of those on site. So what are SDS sheets? SDS sheets are best described as information on chemicals located on the site. The SDS sheet will tell you what a chemical is made up of, what the dangers are associated with that

Chemical and the first aid that will be required if you come in to undo contact with an item. SDS sheets are required by OSHA and the DOT for any job that has a United Nations designated chemical on the job. You might think that this is stuff that you would never have however we use many regulated materials each day on our sites, spray paint, gasoline, oil, fire suppression mix, hydraulic fluid and much more. You need to have an idea of what each chemicals

Dangers are but you might need to know what to do if you get it on your skin? The SDS sheet will tell you that! You should take some time to look at the SDS sheets and know where the access to each jobs SDS sheets are. We keep our SDS sheets located in the garage or with each job supervisor. If you need and SDS sheet ask them or go to their vehicle and find what you need. They are listed alphabetically by chemical trade name.

SDS during an incident

SDS sheets might be a critical part of an incident involving a controlled material. If the local fire department or emergency services are called to a controlled

Material incident they likely will ask you for the SDS sheet that is onsite for that material this will allow them or you to start the proper first aid care that is needed without

Making the situation worse. Give them the sheet and ensure you write down the material number so we can replace the sheet at once.

WALSH Safety News



GOOD SAFETY HABITS

Good communication between operator and crew in trench



BAD SAFETY HABITS

Employee got between machine bucket and trench box wall.

Trench box used but overhead and lip left exposed



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