TOOLBOX TALKS

***Hazard Communication Labeling***

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) formally known as MSDS sheets are an important tool to help provide training for employees.

* SDS’s are required by Maryland Occupational Safety and Health.
* SDS’s list the hazardous chemicals in the product; knowing the actual chemicals in a product, provides improved knowledge more so than just the product name.
* SDS’s provide guidance on proper storage such as not placing compressed oxygen near grease or oil.
* SDS’s lists the PPE to be used to protect the employees; an example would be goggles, gloves, and an apron when working with corrosives.

Important things to remember:

The information found on SDS’s provides important information that informs an employee of the dangers of a particular chemical. Ensure your workplace has the SDS’s for the chemicals that are used at your worksite.

Note: Discuss the company’s policy on how to report unsafe equipment or acts on your site.