

**Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. What is GHS???
   1. GHS replaces the MSDS tracking of chemicals. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) replace the MSDS paperwork. The main differences are a standardization of the SDS sheets, new symbols to replace the old colored diamond, and a new ranking system of the level of hazard a compound is.
2. How have the rankings changed?
   1. Under MSDS labels: a value of 0 = least hazardous
   2. Under SDS labels: a value of 1 = most hazardous
3. What are they key dates?
   1. June 1, 2015: Compliance with all modified provisions of the rule (for *chemical companies*)
   2. December 1, 2015: Distributors must use Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) labeling
   3. **June 1, 2016: Update to new workplace labeling and hazard communication program; employers to provide additional employee training**

\*\*\*Until these dates: transition period where **both** labels are ok\*\*\*

1. What do I get trained on?
   1. You do **not** have to retrain on all of the hazards: you just need to get the updates on what the new labels are and what the SDS approach is
2. Where can I find all of the update details?
   1. [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)
   2. [www.osha.gov/hazcom/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/hazcom/index.html)
3. Where can I/ my employees get formally trained?
   1. Order DVDs and kits: [www.osha-safety-**training**.net](http://r.search.yahoo.com/cbclk2/dWU9OUYyQzEyMUZDNjNDNEE2RiZ1dD0xNDQ3ODc2NTAwMzA0JnVvPTMzNjI5Mjc1NjQmbHQ9Mg--/RV=2/RE=1447905300/RO=10/RU=http%3a%2f%2f0.r.msn.com%2f%3fld%3dd3gTxM6StDqyJw1M5Fz2aCRzVUCUyCeJFpQDkjqlOu1jDlJewS4nK8YRKX3ShkHqiiGIeHOJcfoeYDdLFxD049RpYerskVkiEcLuWsNk8w-1oUmHmCdj8cFP-T8O7tU43hv4OiK3zjmmat1Ajoh4keMWZVRIKoT7bd4iVcw_TR8qjdBo5G%26u%3dhttps%253a%252f%252fwww.osha-safety-training.net%252fright-to-know-hazcom-chemical-safety.html%253futm_source%253dBing%252520Ads%2526utm_medium%253dCPC%2526utm_term%253dGHS%2526utm_campaign%253dGHS/RK=0/RS=QWqTnIZ3f4IEMiYCyav9CsmEfvg-;_ylt=AwrTccCU10xWFlkAtEInnIlQ;_ylu=X3oDMTB2MmRzOHM3BGNvbG8DZ3ExBHBvcwMyBHZ0aWQDBHNlYwNvdi10b3A-?p=GHS+Training%2C+seattle)
   2. In person: Contact WA Department of Labor and Industries to schedule training at [workshopsched@lni.wa.gov](mailto:workshopsched@lni.wa.gov) **or call 800-574-2829**