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## CLEANING CHEMICALS

**Protecting Workers who use Cleaning Chemicals:** Does your workplace use cleaning chemicals? Schools, restaurants, hospitals, and manufacturing facilities all use cleaning chemicals to ensure the cleanliness of their respective buildings. Many cleaning chemicals can be hazardous causing various problems from coughing and asthma to burns and skin rashes. A few workplaces are switching to green cleaning products as they are thought to be less hazardous to workers and the environment.

Some important factors to consider when determining if a potential cleaning chemical could cause health problems:

- Chemical ingredients of the cleaning product
- How the cleaning product is being used or stored
- Ventilation in the area where the cleaning product is used
- Whether there are splashes and spills
- Whether the cleaning product comes in contact with the skin
- Whether mists, vapors and/or gases are released



**Worker Training:** Chemicals pose a wide range of health and safety hazards. OSHA's Hazard Communication standard is designed to ensure that information about these hazards and associated protective measures is communicated to workers. Worker training must be provided if the cleaning chemicals are hazardous. This training must be provided BEFORE the worker begins using the cleaner. Required training under the OSHA Hazard Communication standard includes:

- Health and physical hazards of the chemical
- Proper handling, use and storage of the chemical
- PPE required for using the chemical

### Work Site Review: Hazards/Safety Suggestions

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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Finish Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Foreman/Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

### Employee Signatures: (continue on back of sheet if necessary)

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(My signature attests and verifies my understanding of and agreement to comply with, all company safety policies and regulations, and that I have not suffered, experienced, or sustained any recent job-related injury or illness)

**Manager/Supervisor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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