

Dear valued partner,

Do you and your employees know what GHS stands for? If you don't, read on to avoid employee injuries/illnesses and OSHA citations.

Welcome to the first newsletter for the year 2024! This month, we are focusing on OSHA's Top 10 and Hazard Communication to ensure everyone is well-informed and equipped to handle potential workplace hazards. Effective communication is key to maintaining a safe and healthy work environment.

OSHA's TOP 10

OSHA released its Top 10 most frequently cited standards for FY 2023. [Click here for the list.](#) Is your company focusing on these top 10 hazards?

(Missed a previous email? [Click here](#) to see an archive of previous month's safety emails on Rockwood's Loss Control website.)



WHY HAZARD COMMUNICATION IS SO IMPORTANT

- Hazard Communication ranked #2 on OSHA's Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards for FY 2023.
- Which industry had the most OSHA citations for Hazard Communication in 2023?
 - Masonry Contractors (NAICS 238140)
 - Framing Contractors (NAICS 238130)
 - General Automotive Repair (NAICS 811111)
 - Roofing Contractors (NAICS 238160)
 - Hotels and Motels (excluding casino hotels) (NAICS 721110)
- *Scroll to the end of the email for the answer.*






SAFETY TIPS FOR HAZARD COMMUNICATION

Hazard Communication, also known as HazCom, is a crucial aspect of workplace safety. It involves informing employees about the potential hazards they may encounter in their work and providing guidance on how to protect themselves. By staying informed, we empower ourselves to make safer choices.

Rockwood Resources:

- [Rockwood Toolbox Talk – Flammable & Combustible Materials](#)
- [Rockwood Toolbox Talk – Oil & Petroleum Based Products](#)
- [Rockwood Toolbox Talk – Chemical Emissions](#)
- [Rockwood Toolbox Talk – Carbon Monoxide Poisoning](#)
- [Rockwood Toolbox Talk – Dust & Fumes](#)
- You can find additional Rockwood Toolbox Talks [here](#).

TIPS FOR CHEMICAL USE

	APPROPRIATE PPE	Consider what PPE and face shields to use when doing different jobs. In the field, an employee received a caustic burn on their head from using a <i>grinding</i> facemask instead of a <i>chemical</i> one that fully covers the forehead and the chin. An appropriate chemical face shield can be found here .
	BE AWARE OF CHEMICAL USE IN CONFINED SPACES	Using a chemical outside may be appropriate without respiratory protection but if you use that same chemical in an area that does not have good ventilation then consider appropriate respiratory protection.
	CONSIDER MULTIPLE HAZARDS	For example, two layers of hand protection may be necessary to protect the employee. Employees may use nitrile gloves to work on piping filled with a hazardous chemical, but they may also need leather gloves under the nitril gloves to protect hands from cutting hazards if performing maintenance activities.

MSHA, OSHA and other Resources:

- [Venting Flammable Liquid Storage Cabinets](#) | University of California Fire Department - Should Flammable Liquid Storage Cabinets be VENTED? Check out the link to see.
- [Chemical Compatibility Chart](#) | Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Handbook - Use this chart to determine Chemical Compatibility when storing chemicals
- [MSHA HazCom Compliance Guide](#) | MSHA (Mine Safety & Health Administration)
- [HazCom Compliance Tool Kit](#) | MSHA
- [OSHA Hazard Communication Page](#) | OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration)
- [OSHA Quick Card – HazCom Labels](#) | OSHA
- **REAL WORLD APPLICATION:** Perform inspections on your spill containment systems.
Our Loss Control Team member was on a job site that had plastic spill containment sheds similar to [this one](#). Overtime when these sheds sit in the sun, they will crack. There was one that cracked on a site which compromised the secondary containment. There was a tote of caustic in the shed that had also cracked from being stored inside and getting too hot. It probably had to do with going from cold extremes to hot extremes as well. They had to excavate ten feet down under it to remove all of the contaminated soil!
- The Pennsylvania Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Health & Safety Division offers numerous FREE safety webinars. To access the PATHS Training Calendar visit www.dli.pa.gov/paths



Learn more about **HAZARD COMMUNICATION** on Streamery

Every Rockwood policy includes access to Streamery, a vast safety library with videos, quizzes and more resources to help you promote safety in your workplace. If you don't have access, contact us to get a username. Enter the SKU number below to find the recommended video.

Watch [Streamery](#) videos on **HAZARD COMMUNICATION**:

- **Hazard Communication – The GHS & You - Concise:** 8 min / SKU: 3321 + 3321-S / English & Spanish
- **Hazard Communication & GHS – What's Wrong With This Picture?:** 21 min / SKU: 3385 / English
- **Hazard Communication in Industrial Facilities:** 19 min / SKU: 2989 + 2989-S / English & Spanish
- **Hazard Communication & The Global Harmonizing System Employee Training - Concise:** 12 min / SKU: 2877 + 2877-S / English & Spanish
- **Many more on Streamery**



REMINDERS:

1. OSHA LOG POSTING – February through April

Each February through April, employers must post a summary of the injuries and illnesses recorded the previous year. Also, if requested, copies of the records must be provided to current and former employees, or their representatives.

2. OSHA's Final Rule on Recordkeeping

Starting January 1, 2024, OSHA's Revised Rule on Annual Injury and Illness Data submission will be implemented. See the final rule [here](#).

[OSHA Fact Sheet on Improving Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses](#)
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

3. SEAT BELT COVERS



Don't forget that Rockwood Casualty is providing **FREE** high visibility seatbelt covers to our insured to assist in enforcement of seatbelt use by employees. Please contact

safetysolutions@rockwoodcasualty.com to make a request for your company and specify orange or yellow.



Questions? Feel free to reach out: As always, your Rockwood partners are available to answer your questions and help you promote safety in the workplace. Contact Rockwood Loss Control for any support you need.

ANSWER: Which industry had the most OSHA citations for Hazard Communication in 2023?

- 1. Hotels and Motels (excluding casino hotels) (721110) – 96 Citations for \$138,966 in Penalties**
2. Masonry Contractors (238140) – 87 Citations for \$104,029 in Penalties
3. Framing Contractors (238130) – 83 Citations for \$116,589 in Penalties
4. General Automotive Repair (811111) – 78 Citations for \$45,249
5. Roofing Contractors (238160) – 69 Citations for \$149,787 in Penalties

ANSWER: GHS – Globally Harmonized System



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Thank you for your continued partnership,

Rockwood Loss Control Team

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