

# Globally Harmonized System (GHS)



Cal/OSHA is in the process of implementing changes that will affect an employer's existing Hazard Communication programs. This is mainly due to the addition of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS). One of the first training requirements is on the new Safety Data Sheets, and container labels that must be completed by **December 1, 2013**.

The use of pictograms is one of the key elements for the labeling of containers under GHS, along with the following:

- An identification of the product
- A signal word – either **DANGER** or **WARNING** – where necessary
- Hazard statements indicating the nature and degree of the risks posed by the product
- Precautionary statements indicating how the product should be handled to minimize risks to the user, other individuals, and the environment
- The identity of the supplier

MSDSs will be re-formatted into a standardized 16-section format and called Safety Data Sheets (SDSs).

Districts should prepare now to adopt the new GHS requirements. After updating your written program and completing your initial training, a challenge should be extended to

all employees to be on the lookout for new SDSs and container labels. When discovered, these should be reviewed at toolbox meetings. To assist members with HCS/GHS implementation, the JPIA has several resources:

- A DVD on GHS/HCS is available from our Lending Library.
- A recorded webinar is available for staff to complete.

Contact Linda Craun in the JPIA Training Department to use these opportunities. She can be reached at (800) 535-7899, ext. 3125, or [lcraun@acwajpia.com](mailto:lcraun@acwajpia.com)

An updated Hazard Communication Program template and form to document employee training is available on the JPIA's website at: <http://www.acwajpia.com/RiskControlManual.aspx>,

**See Section 4, Item 6 – Model Programs Hazard Communication Program and Hazard Communication Plan Employee Training Record.**

TargetSolutions has updated their course "Right to Know (Hazard Communication)" to include the required GHS information. If you are not currently using TargetSolutions or need assistance, you may contact:

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# GHS/SDS, YOUTUBE, & JPIA VIDEO/WEBINAR RESOURCES

## JPIA WEBINAR DIRECTORY

<http://www.acwajpia.com/OnlineTraining.aspx>

## GHS INTRODUCTION

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6EXM929REo>

## SDS INTRODUCTION

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEOpLZObyqw>

## JPIA LENDING LIBRARY

250.07.1 – *HAZ COM AND THE GLOBAL HARMONIZING SYSTEM*

250.12.1 – *HAZ COM: IN SYNC WITH GHS*



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