Hazardous Materials Safety Topic



This section addresses employee safety in regards to handling/ disposing of hazardous materials.

Overview

The term “hazardous materials” applies to all chemicals, gases, or items that pose a potential danger to people or the environment. A substance that is classified as “toxic” is one that causes illness or death. Due to the illnesses and long-term effects associated with hazardous materials, there are many laws and regulations in place to protect those responsible for handling the material.

The governing body of OSHA regulates hazardous materials, addressing the general safety and health of employees in the workplace. However, the CDC and EPA also have constraints and limitations concerning hazardous material…