

AHA Workers' Compensation Self-Insured Trust

Globally Harmonized System (GHS)

Are you ready?

On March 26, 2012 OSHA published the final rule to align the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HSC) with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). The change will help ensure improved quality and more consistency in the classification and labeling of all chemicals.

The primary benefit of the GHS is that it provides a single set of harmonized criteria for classifying chemicals according to their health and physical hazards and specifies hazard communication elements for labeling and safety data sheets.

Under GHS labels would include signal words, pictograms, and hazard and precautionary statements and safety data sheets would have a standardized format.

Employees must be trained on new labels and Safety Data Sheet format by December 1, 2013.



Effective Completion date	Requirements	Who
Dec 1, 2013	Train employees on new labels and Safety Data Sheet format	Employers
June 1, 2015	Compliance with modified provisions of final rule except:	Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors & employers
December 1, 2015	Distributors shall not ship containers labeled unless it is a GHS label	
June 1, 2015	Update workplace labeling and HAZCOM program. Additional employee training on newly found physical or health hazards	Employers
Transition period	May comply with final HAZCOM std. or current std., or both	Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors & employers

[Click here](#) to view the GHS PowerPoint from Safety National.

For GHS training resources contact the Risk Management Resources Loss Control Consultants listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

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GHS HAZARD SYMBOLS OR PICTOGRAMS

On GHS-compliant labels, pictograms include a black symbol and other graphic elements, which convey specific information about the chemical's hazards. The symbols appear on a white background framed within a diamond-shaped box with a red border.

View the eight mandatory standardized hazard symbols used in pictograms at www.safety.blr.com.



Health Hazard



Flame



Exclamation Mark



Gas Cylinder



Flame Over Circle



Corrosion



Skull and Crossbones



Explosion Bomb

AHA Workers' Compensation

AHA Workers' Compensation Self-Insured Trust Program is administered by Risk Management Resources (RMR), a division of BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc. www.bxsi.com

In March 2003 the AHA Workers' Compensation Self-Insured Trust was established. The program provides workers' compensation coverage to AHA members.

Risk Management Resources, the administrator for the program, assists members in the areas of claims management, safety and loss control.

Safety Training Resources

Safety National Insurance, the company that underwrites the Trust's excess workers compensation coverage, has contracted with BLR® (Business & Legal Resources) to provide safety training resources. BLR's training programs are available at no additional charge to AHAWCSIT members. The service and the resources are an outstanding value to your organization's safety program.

RMR Loss Control is a middle man in this situation. RMR's task is to inform of the resource and assist you in the utilization of the training material. [Click here](#) for a list of BLR.com Employee Safety Audio Presentations. Each of these programs has an audio PowerPoint and supporting documents to provide complete training on a particular topic.

Please contact Ray Robinson, RMR Loss Control Consultant, if you see a topic of interest. Ray will download the program and forward it to you by email.

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