

RIGHT TO KNOW

TOXIC? **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT-TO-KNOW!** **ABOUT TOXIC SUBSTANCES** **IN YOUR WORK AREA**

The Illinois Right-to-Know law requires your employer to provide you with the following:

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS MSDS describe the characteristics, safe handling, and hazards of toxic substances. MSDS should be readily available in the work area. You, your representative, or your physician may request copies of MSDS for toxic substances in your work area.

LABELING Toxic substances in your work area should be labeled with the chemical or product name and a hazard warning.

TRAINING Employees who are exposed to toxic substances should be trained at the start of employment or transfer, and annually thereafter. You should be taught the hazards of exposure to the substances, how to work safely with them, and how to read the MSDS and labels. The law protects your right to obtain the above information. You may not be disciplined or discharged for exercising your rights under this law. If your employer has not complied with Right-to-Know, or if you have a question, you may call: (217) 782-9386 (Downstate) or (312) 793-1964 (Chicago area).

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