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You have the right to know...

We've all seen diamond-shaped signs on buildings or doors like this one, but have you ever wondered what it means? You have the right to know, on a scale of 1 to 4, how much of a hazard is presented by the contents of any room or building you enter. More information on a particular substance can be found in its Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). This is all part of Hazard Communication, or the "Right-To-Know" Program.



All persons employed by OSU are required to receive training in Hazard Communication within 30 days of hire and at least once each year or whenever a new substance is introduced into their workplace. This training must be specific to each department and unit. Who better to give the training than a person who works in that department?

Environmental Health & Safety conducts two "Train-the-Trainer" training classes each year; one in the spring and one in the fall. Persons who attend one of these sessions are qualified to conduct Hazard Communication training for their departments. Call the EHS office at 4-7241 to see when the next class will be held and to reserve a seat; this training is provided at no cost.

For more information on the Right-to-Know Program, go to the EHS website at <http://www.ehs.okstate.edu/hazcom>

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