

Conducting a Chemical Inventory

Q. What is a chemical inventory?

A. A chemical inventory is simply a list of all hazardous chemicals within a district/building.

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A. A hazardous chemical is any chemical that can create any physical change to/within a human body. A good example is: hand sanitizer. On your hands it may feel comfortable, but it is likely that if hand sanitizer was to enter our eyes it would cause a physical change. Many types of chemicals must be inventoried.

NOTE: Personal and non-personal items that are listed as non-toxic from the manufacturer, are not required to be inventoried. Also, any personal items/chemicals within personal wallets, handbags, purses, briefcases, etc., are not required to be inventoried.

Q. Why do we have to do this?

A. It is a Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) requirement to have a chemical inventory on file containing the manufacture name and product name. Correlating SDS for each chemical are also required. A continuous survey of what we have on school district property ensures we are providing a safe and healthy environment.