

## Hazardous communication in ECE workplaces



Some chemicals used in ECE can cause:

- Coughing
- Wheezing
- Red, itchy eyes
- Skin rashes
- Skin and eye burns
- Reproductive harm
- Eye damage
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Headaches or dizziness
- Nausea
- Asthma
- Cancer
- Endocrine disruption

Examples of some products used in ECE that can cause some of these health problems are bleach, quaternary ammonium products, air fresheners, antibacterial soaps, and essential oils.



### What you need to know

Your employer is required by law to provide a safe workplace that includes:

- A written Hazard Communication Program.
- Identifying and maintaining a list of all hazardous chemicals used in the workplace.
- Protective clothing, gloves, and safety goggles, when you need them.



- Labels on all containers of cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting chemicals.
- Training on the health and safety hazards of cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting chemicals you are using and safe work practices:
  - when you are hired, and
  - periodically thereafter, especially when new products are introduced in the workplace.

Your employer must provide training so you know:

- the health and physical hazards of cleaning chemicals BEFORE you use them.
- how to use and store cleaning chemicals safely.
- how and when to dilute cleaning chemicals you are using.