

HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD

I. Policy Section

14.0 Risk Management

II. Policy Subsection

14.6 Hazard Communication Standard

III. Policy Statement

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) has adopted a Hazard Communication Standard (HCS), which is available for review on the College's website or by contacting the GRCC Purchasing Department. Members of the campus community are expected to be aware of the hazardous chemicals they may encounter while engaged in activities on campus or in the event of an emergency. Additionally, members of the campus community are expected to be familiar with the procedures established in the Hazard Communication Standard to respond appropriately to these hazards.

IV. Reason for the Policy

The program has been developed to meet the requirements of the Federal Hazard Communication Standards and the State of Michigan Right-to-Know Law.

In order to ensure that all campus community members are made aware of any hazard from chemical use in their work or other campus environment, Grand Rapids Community College hereby implements this written program.

This program shall be reviewed annually in October and updated as appropriate, including when legal requirements such as those contained within the Federal Hazard Communication Standard or the Right-to-Know Law of Michigan are altered or amended.

V. Entities Affected by this Policy

All employees
Students
Vendors

Contractors
Volunteers
Campus Visitors

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

All employees
Students
Vendors
Contractors
Volunteers
Campus Visitors

VII. Related Documents

Safety Data Sheets
GRCC Right to Know Program Documents
Hazard Communication Standard Documents

VIII. Contacts

Policy Owner: GRCC Director of Purchasing

IX. Definitions

1. Carcinogenic – Cancer causing substance or agent
2. Contractor – Supplier providing services to Grand Rapids Community College
3. Corrosive – Gradually destructive; steadily harmful
4. Hazardous Chemical or Substance – A chemical or substance that is possibly a source of danger
5. MIOSHA – Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration
6. SDS –Safety Data Sheet
7. OSHA – Occupational Safety & Health Administration
8. PEL – Permissible Exposure Limit
9. TLV – Threshold Level Value
10. Toxic – Capable of causing injury or death, especially by chemical means; poisonous
11. UEL – Upper Explosive Limit

X. Procedures

Procedures regarding hazard communication are contained with the College's Right to Know Program Documents and Hazard Communication Standard, and shall be updated as appropriate, in accordance with this Policy.

XI. Forms

Forms associated with hazard communication are contained with the College's Right to Know Program Documents and Hazard Communication Standard, and shall be updated as appropriate, in accordance with this Policy.

XII. Effective Date

March 24, 2004

XIII. Policy History

May, 2016

May, 2018 - no revisions

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XIV. Next Review/Revision Date

May, 2026