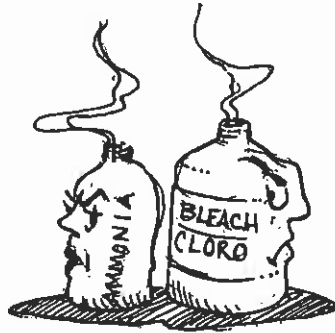
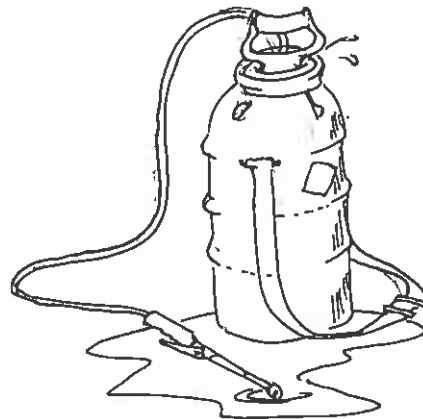


Chemical Hazards in the Sanitation Shift



In meatpacking, poultry, and food processing, sanitation workers must use strong chemicals to clean large machines and spaces.



The chemicals are sometimes liquids, powders, solids, or foams.

Most workers are not told exactly how risky the chemicals are.

OSHA has standards, or rules, that say employers must give workers information about hazardous chemicals in the workplace. There are 4 ways they must do this.

1) MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets):

Employers must keep an information sheet on every chemical that is used at work. They must be available for workers to read.

2) Labeling:

Employers must label everything in the workplace that contains hazardous chemicals. The labels must give the chemical name of the material inside and warn about the safety or health hazards.

3) Worker Training:

Employers must train workers and teach them about the safety and health hazards of chemicals in the workplace. The training must be in a language that workers understand.

4) Written Hazard Communication Program:

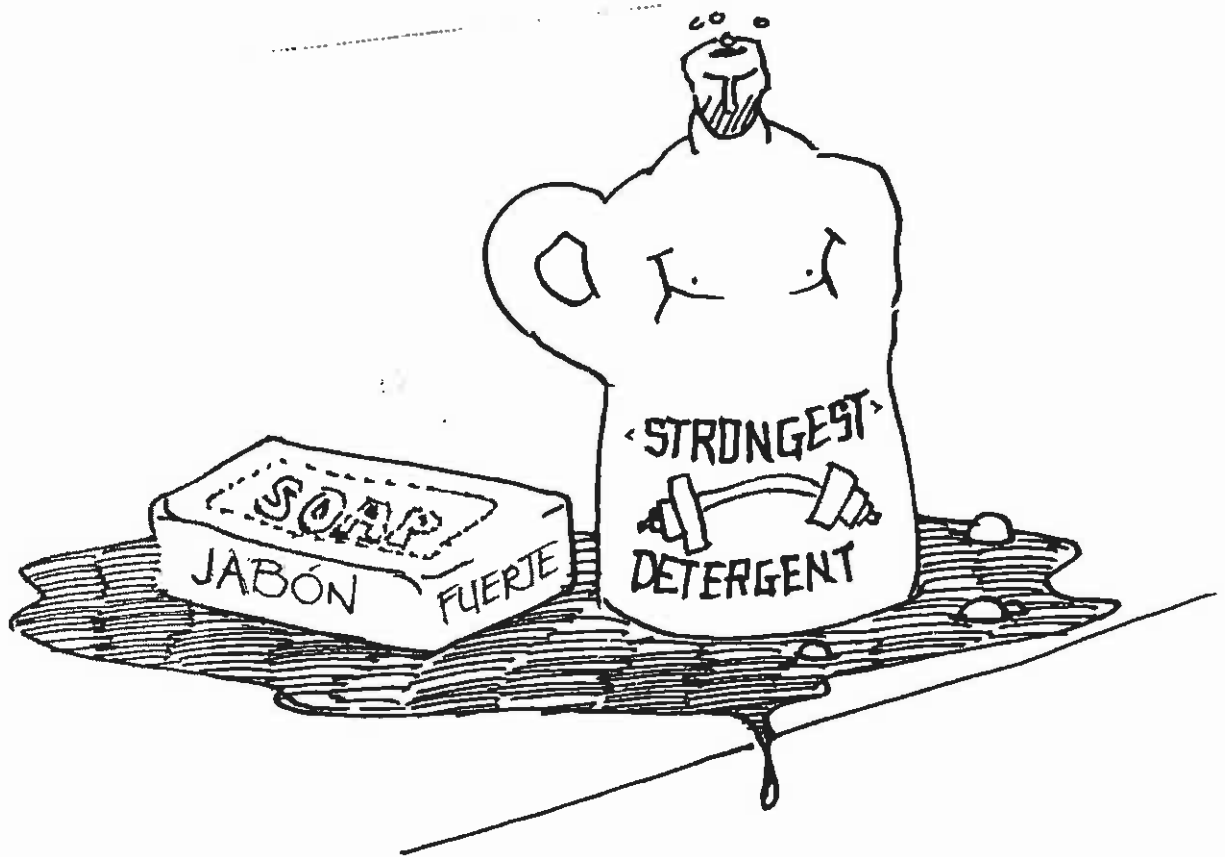
Employers must have a written Hazard Communication program. This program must explain how the employer will meet each of the requirements of the Hazard Communications (HAZCOM) standard. Workers and their union must be given a copy of the program when they ask for it.



YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHEMICAL TRAINING!!

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