

"Training tools for an increasingly complex and dangerous job"



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Introduction

With the huge number of hazardous materials in existence, it is impossible for anybody to become an expert on all of them. For this reason, workers and emergency response teams need a ready source of information that identifies the hazards and response procedures for any given material.

The *Hazard Communications Standard* issued by OSHA in 1986 requires the presence of material safety data sheets (MSDS) at any workplace where hazardous materials are used. MSDS contains information regarding the specific identity of the product, including information on health effects, first aid, chemical and physical properties, and emergency telephone numbers for additional information or help. However, until 1993 no specific guidelines for the organization of this information were available, and users often found the documents inconsistent and hard to understand.

In 1993, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) passed a consensus standard, Z400.1-1993, *Standard for Hazardous Industrial Chemicals-Material Safety Data*. This standard required that MSDS be organized into sections and requires specific information in each section.

About the program

"Understanding MSDS" is designed to provide training to anyone who, in the course of their duties, may need to use a material safety data sheet. It explains how the document is organized into 16 sections, and tells what information must be included in each section. An accompanying *Leader's Guide*

includes sample MSDS and provides suggestions for activities to reinforce the training offered in the video, as well as an extensive glossary of the sometimes cryptic terms used in MSDS. After going through this training program, students will be able to quickly use an MSDS to find the information needed to respond effectively to any situation involving a hazardous product regardless of the manufacturer of that product. This will benefit the worker, the workplace, the community and the environment.

The 48-page *Leader's Guide* has extra information on the hazard properties of materials and environmental hazards. Pre- and post-seminar quizzes are also included, as well as sample MSDS and a copy of the script for reference.

About the Technical Committee

Emergency Film Group programs are created with the assistance of authorities in the subject field. Technical committee members for "Understanding MSDS" include:

Mike Donahue, Hildebrand & Noll Associates

Jerry Grey, San Francisco Fire Department (ret.)

Daniel Levine, Allied Signal

Rebecca Tominack, Monsanto

About the filmmakers

Gordon Massingham, director. For over 20 years one of the world's leading creators of emergency response training. Winner of more than 120 national and international awards.

Jane Christopher, producer and editor. Well known to emergency response audiences

Price Information for "Understanding MSDS"

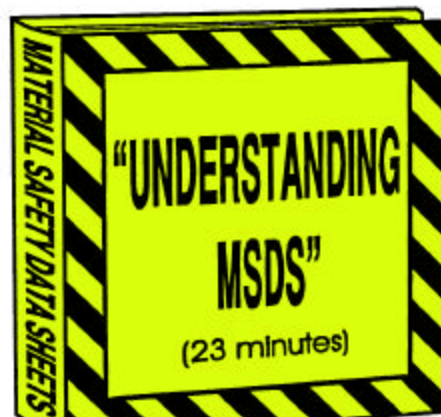
(Video plus Guide)

VHS-\$295

Preview-\$20

Rental-\$150

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for programs, Jane has received several awards for filmmaking excellence.

About the Emergency Film Group

Emergency Film Group, a division of the Detrick Lawrence Corp., was established to distribute quality training films for emergency response and right to know education. Firmly committed to accuracy, EFG uses the best qualified advisors and production crews to ensure that programs are not only exciting to watch, but are also accurate in every detail.

EFG's worldwide list of customers range from the largest petrochemical companies, to government agencies, to small town fire departments. Every film comes with EFG's 30-day money-back guarantee if the customer is not satisfied.

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