



## IHQ OSH Sharing

### Safety Data Sheet and You

Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is a document that contains information on the potential hazards (health, fire, reactivity and environmental) and how to work safely with the chemicals. SDS was formally known as Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) before year 2006.



SDS is an essential starting point for the development of a complete health and safety program. It also contains information on the use, storage, handling and emergency procedures related to the hazards of the material. The SDS contains much more information about the material than the container label.

Be familiar with the hazards of the chemicals before you start using them. You should look at the SDS, match the name of the chemical on your container with the SDS, read about the hazards, understand the safe handling and storage instructions, as well as what to do in an emergency.

In Singapore, it is mandatory to have a copy of SDS if you work with chemicals. Under Workplace Safety and Health Act (WSHA), Section 43, it is the duty of occupier to obtain SDS for chemicals in use. Failure to comply will result in conviction to a fine of \$20,000 and/ or imprisonment for a term up to 2 years. SDS validity period shall not be more than five years old as stated in SS 586 Part III. If you are still using a chemical that you bought more than five years ago, you may not have a current SDS. Contact the manufacturer or supplier for a newer version of the SDS.

If you have any query about SDS, please email to [ihq@nhg.com.sg](mailto:ihq@nhg.com.sg)

### UPCOMING COURSES

## Understanding of Environment, Occupational Health and Safety (EOHS) Regulatory Requirements for Healthcare Providers **NEW**

17 & 18 June 2009 (Tentative)

Course fee \$199.02 (Inclusive of GST and workbook)

Singapore Healthcare Providers are constantly facing rising challenges to meet the related Environment, Occupational Health and Safety (EOHS) legal and regulatory requirements. In order for the Healthcare Providers to seek compliance, the management must understand the intent and consequences of the EOHS requirements.

The primary objective of this course is to enable individual stakeholders to understand their roles and responsibilities towards EOHS legislations, how to seek compliance and discharge legal liabilities with built-in holistic approach.

The two days workshop is designed especially for Healthcare Providers. It aims to create awareness on EOHS Acts and its legislations with insight sharing from current Healthcare Administrator. The workshop provides comprehensive course notes and CD ROM with list of applicable EOHS for participants. Interactive teaching will be conducted via classroom discussion, case studies and video viewing.

To register, please log on to Learning Space to submit your request or email your details to [ihq@nhg.com.sg](mailto:ihq@nhg.com.sg).

# Basic Toolkit Workshop

8 July 2009

Course Fees \$112.35 (inclusive of GST)

Working in teams, drawing an Ishikawa diagram, taking turns to vote, plotting a Pareto chart, etc... That was what our participants had experienced during the half-day Basic Toolkit workshop which was conducted by Institute of Healthcare Quality (IHQ) on 14 April 2009.

More than 20 participants from NHG institutions and our step-down care partners had attended the workshop. During the hands-on sessions, they had fun engaging themselves in team discussions under the guidance of the facilitators. Participants also learnt the skills of looking for the problem's root cause and were taught how to prioritise problematic areas requiring improvement.

The workshop was well-received by the participants and many of them even requested the workshop to be extended to allow more time for the hands-on session.

If you would like to learn the QI principles and tools to make significant improvement in healthcare processes and outcomes, sign up for this Basic Toolkit workshop.

For more information, please contact IHQ at [ihq@nhg.com.sg](mailto:ihq@nhg.com.sg)