

Fairfax County Park Authority Volunteer Training Chemical Safety



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1-Do we have chemicals in my work place?

Most FCPA facilities have chemicals stored on-site as they are necessary for site operations. These include pool chemicals, cleaning supplies, paints, solvents, fertilizers and insecticides.

2-Are they safe?

Yes. Staff have been specifically trained to work with these materials and take necessary precautions when handling them.

3-Will I need to work with chemicals?

Typical cleaning supplies or art/craft supplies-yes (if necessary).

Chemicals which require specialized training-no!

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4-Chemical inventories

All FCPA facilities maintain a list of written chemical inventories. If the materials are not listed on the inventory, we are not permitted to keep the products on-site. If there is a product you wish to obtain, please inform a supervisor. Please don't "bring in" something without prior approval.

5-Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

FCPA requires Safety Data Sheets for all products stored on site. Obtained from chemical manufacturers, Safety Data Sheets provide information regarding product ingredients, emergency spill instructions, first aid information, etc.

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5-Safety Data Sheets (SDS)-Continued

Please identify where the Safety Data Sheet book is stored. It is generally in a 3-ring binder stored in the office or maintenance area. Ask a supervisor to assist. Please review one to be familiar with how they are written.

6-Accidental Spill

Please inform a supervisor in the event a product is spilled, no matter how small or minor. Trained staff will respond and address the situation. Certain spills could require 911 notification and potentially a building evacuation. Please inform a supervisor immediately.