

CHEMICAL HAZARDS

The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (MECDHH/GBSD) is committed to providing a safe environment for students and employees. It is the policy of MECDHH/GBSD to follow safe practices in regard to the storage and handling of hazardous chemicals in its schools. The school unit will comply with all applicable Maine and federal laws and regulations concerning hazardous chemicals.

The Executive Director will be responsible for developing a Chemical Hygiene Plan that includes procedures relevant to the identification, purchase, storage, inventory, handling, and disposal of hazardous chemicals, maintenance of material safety data sheets (MSDS), and for ensuring that employees are provided required training and information concerning hazardous chemicals used in the schools. The Executive Director may delegate responsibilities associated with Plan development to school system staff, as appropriate.

The Executive Director will appoint the Building Facilities Foreman for MECDHH/GBSD. The Chemical Hygiene Officer will have the primary responsibility for implementing the school unit's Chemical Hygiene Plan. The person appointed Chemical Hygiene Officer shall be familiar with State and federal regulations pertaining to laboratory and chemical safety and the chemicals used in the schools.

The Building Facilities Foreman shall attend such training as may be mandated by the Maine Department of Education or other State agencies.

Legal Reference: 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200
26 M.R.S.A. § 565
Ch. 2 § 179 (Dept. of Prof. Regulation Rule)
Ch. 161 (Dept. of Educ. Rule)

Commissioner's Administrative Letter No. 33, June 9, 2005
(Chemicals in Schools)

Cross Reference: EBCA – Crisis Response Plan

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