

OSHA: Intro to Safe Material Storage

Key Takeaways:

- Learning general housekeeping and organizational best practices for storing materials.
- Identifying clearance requirements to allow for movement and for keeping stored items away from potential hazards and sprinkler systems.
- Understanding safe lifting and carrying practices and fall protection requirements.
- Recognizing relevant SDS for special storage requirements for certain substances and mixtures.

Course Description

This course will provide general guidance for safe material storage practices, including racking and stacking, housekeeping, and lifting and handling best practices. Utilizing this lesson will supply you with the skills to ensure stability and reduce the risk of injury in the workplace. Numerous reported workplace injury claims come from falling materials or improperly stored materials. Imagine what would happen if you stored highly combustible materials around an ignition source! This is why it is important to understand what materials you are storing and how they should be stored. As we will go through, using Safety Data Sheets (SDS) will tell you about the properties of a material, so that you can ensure it is handled properly. Using that information, you will also understand the importance of sprinkler systems in storage areas. In addition, this course will teach you general techniques for improving lifting and carrying practices to reduce the likelihood of injury on the job.