3-02/050.25 - Hazardous Substances Information

Department members may be exposed to substances during their normal workday that may be considered hazardous according to CAL-OSHA regulations. In order to use these substances within certain safety guidelines and train employees in the use of such, each unit shall maintain Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for each hazardous substance used.

Examples of substances for which MSDS's shall be available if used at a unit are:

- Ammonia
- Bleach
- Cleansers
- Detergents
- Disinfectant
- Floor polish
- Weed killer
- Insecticides, etc.

Unit Commanders' Responsibilities

- Ensure that MSDS's are available to employees at the work place; and
- Conduct a yearly inventory during January and compare chemicals used against available MSDS's. Once on file, MSDS's must not be deleted. Additional sheets can be requested from the manufacturer of Central Supply and Logistics section as new products are introduced.

Employee's responsibilities shall require each employee who works with or supervises inmate workers using hazardous substances to read and be familiar with the MSDS for each product used at their work assignment.