Pool Chemical Safety
Be Safe at Work!

If You Use Pool Chemicals for Your Job

Do not handle pool chemicals until you have adequate training.

Read and understand the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and label for each chemical you use so you know what you are working with, possible health effects from exposure, and how to protect yourself.

Use appropriate personal protective equipment, such as chemical splash goggles, face shield, rubber boots or shoes, gloves, chemical resistant apron, etc.

Store and Use Pool Chemicals Safely

Store chemicals as recommended by the manufacturer; prevent them from mixing or getting wet.

Read and follow product label directions.

Use chemicals in the original, labeled container. Never transfer pool chemicals into food or drink containers.

Never pre-dissolve solid chemicals or add water to liquid chemicals.

Never mix chlorine products with each other, with acid, or with any other chemicals.

Respond to pool chemical spills immediately, but only if you are trained to do so.

Be Prepared for Emergencies

Know what to do if you are exposed to chemicals.

Be familiar with your Emergency Response Plan and make sure you know what to do if people are sick from pool chemicals.

In an Emergency, Call 9-1-1 and/or the Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222

For more information about the safe use of pool chemicals, visit www.cdph.ca.gov/poolchemicals.

Tell your supervisor if you get chemicals on you, if you breathe them in, or if you have symptoms from chemical exposure. Symptoms can include skin burning or rash, eye pain, cough, runny nose, sore throat, wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath, asthma, headache and nausea. If you have symptoms you should be sent to see a doctor.