

**WAC 296-849-11010 Communication of hazards.**

Hazard communication—General.

(1) Chemical manufacturers, importers, distributors and employers must comply with all requirements of the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS, WAC 296-901-140 for benzene).

(2) In classifying the hazards of benzene at least the following hazards are to be addressed: Cancer; central nervous system effects; blood effects; aspiration; skin, eye, and respiratory tract irritation; and flammability.

(3) Employers must include benzene in the hazard communication program established to comply with the HCS, WAC 296-901-140. Employers must ensure that each employee has access to labels on containers of benzene and to safety data sheets, and is trained in accordance with the requirements of HCS and WAC 296-849-11050.

**Note:** You should keep containers tightly covered when not in use to prevent unnecessary exposure and accidental spills.

**References:** Additional requirements are found in other chapters as follows:

- For spills, leaks, or other releases of benzene, go to Emergency response, chapter 296-824 WAC.
- For labeling go to:
  - WAC 296-901-14012, Labels and other forms of warning; **AND**
  - WAC 296-901-14014, Safety data sheets.

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