

CHEMICAL SAFETY

USING CHEMICALS SAFELY

Why is it important to manage chemical risks?

Chemicals used to control weeds, pests and diseases, and chemicals used in cleaning and maintenance, can pose significant risks. The risks arise throughout the use of chemicals including storage, handling, application and in cleaning up. Not only the chemical user, but fellow workers, bystanders and the public may also be at risk. Domestic pets, stock and the environment are other unintentional targets for chemical exposure.

A number of Acts and their Regulations control and regulate the use of chemicals, with safety being paramount.

Who is *Using Chemicals Safely* for?

The program will benefit anyone who uses chemicals including:

- ◆ Gardeners,
- ◆ Groundspersons (eg schools, sporting clubs, etc)
- ◆ Greenkeepers,
- ◆ Local government workers,
- ◆ Horticultural, agricultural, nursery employees
- ◆ Maintenance staff (who use glues, solvents, etc)
- ◆ Volunteers, such as Friends of Parks groups

Not only does correct use of the right chemical for the job make sound sense for your safety, it is a legal requirement. The program will teach current "best-practice" use of chemicals for personal, workplace, community and environmental health and safety.

How is the program structured?

Strong emphasis on the practical application of chemical risk management.

The program normally consists of a one day workshop that can be customised to suit your preferred venue, date, times and any specific needs.



Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is available. Contact us for more details.

What topics are covered?

- ◆ Types and actions of chemicals
- ◆ Interpreting chemical labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- ◆ Implementing OH&S requirements
- ◆ Maintaining chemical application equipment and personal protective equipment
- ◆ Using equipment and applying chemicals
- ◆ Cleaning equipment and containers
- ◆ Disposing of containers and waste
- ◆ Keeping records of chemical use
- ◆ Handling and storing chemicals legally and safely.



What will participants get from the program?

- ◆ Skills and knowledge to use chemicals safely
- ◆ Peace of mind from knowing that you are doing your best to ensure the safety of yourself, fellow workers, clients, visitors, the public and the environment
- ◆ A Statement of Attainment for the nationally endorsed units of competency:
RTC1701A Follow basic chemical safety rules and RTC2706A Apply chemicals under supervision.

What does it cost?

For advertised courses the cost is \$225 per person (GST-exempt).

Our friendly staff can provide a quote for in-house courses.

Are you a supervisor, or do you use Schedule 7 chemicals?

If yes, Smith & Georg's *ChemCert Accreditation* program is a more appropriate course. Contact us for more information.

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