Society for Chemical Hazard Communication

The Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC) is a professional society committed to serving chemical hazard communication professionals and to promoting knowledge and awareness in all areas of chemical hazard communication. Areas covered include worker safety, domestic and international regulatory compliance, toxicology and other chemical and physical hazards, environmental toxicology, risk analysis, etc. Members are professionals who represent industrial, consumer, and specialty chemical companies, pharmaceutical firms, manufacturers, distributors and importers, government agencies, universities and consultants.

SCHC offers...
- Label and SDS Development Workshops
- Training and Assessment for the Registered SDS and Label Authoring Specialist
- Information on Domestic and International Chemical Regulations (GHS, REACH, Hazmat, VOC)
- Professional and Leadership Development Opportunities
- Networking Opportunities
- GHS and REACH Training
- Chemical Regulatory Information and Updates
- Technical and Regulatory Professional Development

Semi-Annual Conferences
The SCHC holds conferences each year in the Fall and Spring. Meetings feature regulatory hazard communication updates, expert speakers from domestic and international chemical agencies, and valuable opportunities for business networking. Professional development courses offer an excellent opportunity to develop the expertise in regulatory and hazard communication to operate in chemical industries.

Please visit our website at www.schc.org for information on meeting events, membership, professional development courses and all other information. Membership applications may be found on the SCHC website or by e-mailing schc-admin@schc.org

SCHC Vision Statement
The vision of SCHC is to be the globally-recognized, premier professional society that develops and supports members who promote product stewardship through the communication of chemical hazards.

SCHC Mission Statement
SCHC is a professional society with a mission to...
- Promote the awareness and improvement of chemical hazard communication;
- Provide education on chemical hazard communication issues;
- Provide a forum for exchange of ideas and experiences; and
- Promote guidance or technical expertise to a private group, legislative body, or governmental entity.

Celebrating over 30 Years of Leadership in Hazard Communication.
OSHA Alliance

Since 2003, SCHC has maintained an alliance agreement with OSHA.

The goals of the Alliance are...

- Provide SCHC Members and Others, Including Small Businesses, with Information, Guidance, and Access to Training Resources
- Address Issues Associated with Hazard Communication and Safety Data Sheets (SDS’s) in the Workplace
- Distribute Information and Increase Awareness about the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)

The SCHC Alliance Committee is very active in working toward the Alliance goals by speaking at professional and trade association meetings, developing GHS fact sheets, and developing SDS preparation training programs for small businesses.

SDS and Label Authoring Registry

The SDS and Label Authoring registry program was developed through a partnership with the American Industrial Hygiene Association to recognize chemical hazard communication and environmental health professionals who specialize in authoring Safety Data Sheets and labels. The goal is to improve the quality of SDS and labels by encouraging individuals to develop the knowledge and skills needed to gain this credential. The credential is valid for 5 years.

Program Benefits...

- Listing on the Registry’s Database for Consumer and Industry Access
- Recognition as a Credentialed Professional Among Peers
- Use of Individual Insignia with Registry Identification Number
- Demonstrating Professional Integrity through Competency Assessment
- Access to a Community that Shares Best Practices and Solutions

**List of Committees**

- Arrangements
- Awards
- Exhibit Show
- HazCom Resources
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Nominating
- Outreach and Communications
- Poster Session
- Professional Development Program
- SCHC-OSHA Alliance
- Social Media
- Web

**Professional Development**

At each conference, SCHC offers a variety of professional development courses which are appropriate for hazard communicators at all levels. These courses provide the tools necessary for identifying risks and the knowledge to comply with domestic and international regulatory requirements. Additionally, the courses count toward education requirements for enrollment in the SDS and Label Authoring Registry.

**These courses include...**

- Workshops for Authoring SDS’s and Labels
- Dangerous Goods Transportation Classification
- Basic and Applied Science Courses
- Regulatory and Industry Standard Courses such as REACH and GHS
- Advanced Topics in Toxicology and Environmental Health and Safety

The Professional Development Committee ensures that courses are up to date, keeping attendees informed on emerging issues. SCHC offers a course on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). All Professional Development courses have been updated to reflect the changes that the GHS will bring to that topic or region.

For course titles and information on availability, please visit our website at www.schc.org

**Why join SCHC?**

SCHC provides excellent opportunities for Hazard Communicators, EHS Managers, Academia, and Regulators to acquire training and expertise in domestic and international chemical hazard communication, to network with your peers and regulators, and to reach out to your regulated community. Your participation promotes improvement of hazard communication for chemicals worldwide. The SCHC conferences offer opportunities to exchange ideas and discuss new developments. Membership dues may be deducted as a business expense. We welcome your membership in SCHC.

**Benefits of membership include...**

- Comprehensive List of Professional Development Courses- from Basic to Advanced Topics in Hazard Communication
- Career Advancement Achieving the SDS and Labeling Authoring Credential
- Current and Emerging Regulatory Updates
- Technical Information Resources
- Forum for Job Postings and Employment Opportunities in Hazard Communication
- Access to Online Resources of SCHC Website, Including Archived Presentations and Resource Documents
- Member Discounts
- Notifications of Newsletter Posted on SCHC Website

**Who Benefits?**

- Product Managers
- Product Stewardship Members
- SDS and Product Label Writers
- Hazardous Material Transportation Specialists
- Warehouse and Logistics Managers
- EHS Professionals
- Government Regulators and Administrators
- Regulatory Compliance Attorneys
- Occupational Health Practitioners
- Manufacturers and Providers of Services and Products for Hazard Communication