



## **CHEMICAL HAZARDS**

Regional School Unit-24 (RSU) Board (RSUB) is committed to providing a safe environment for students and employees. It is the policy of the RSUB to follow safe practices in regard to the storage and handling of hazardous chemicals in all its schools. The RSU will comply with all applicable Maine and federal laws and regulations concerning hazardous chemicals.

The Superintendent will be responsible for developing a Chemical Hygiene Plan that includes procedures relevant to the identification, purchase, storage, inventory, handling, and disposal of hazardous chemicals, maintenance of material safety data sheets (MSDS), and for ensuring that employees are provided the required training and information concerning hazardous chemicals used in the RSU schools. The Superintendent may delegate responsibilities associated with Plan development to RSU staff as appropriate or with the approval of the RSUB to a professional consultant.

The Superintendent will appoint a Chemical Hygiene Officer for the RSU. The Chemical Hygiene Officer will have the primary responsibility for implementing the RSU's Chemical Hygiene Plan. The person appointed as the Chemical Hygiene Officer should be familiar with State and federal regulations pertaining to laboratory and chemical safety and the chemicals used in the schools.

The Chemical Hygiene Office shall achieve such certification and/or attend such training as may be mandated by the Maine Department of Education or other State agencies.

Legal Reference:     29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200  
                          26 M.R.S.A. § 565  
                          Ch. 2 § 179 (Dept. of Prof. Regulation Rule)  
                          Ch. 161 (Dept. of Educ. Rule) & nbsp;  
                          Commissioner's Administrative Letter No. 33, June 9, 2005 (Chemicals in  
                          Schools)

Cross Reference: EBCA – Crisis Response Plan

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