

# Adhesives Age

# OSHA

# Compliance Checklist

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# THE WILDEST DREAMS HAVE A WAY OF COMING TRUE.

Just a reminder that planning for tomorrow's possibilities is not only a very important but also a very exciting part of today's work.

That's why we are developing unique products for water-borne, hot melts, and other new adhesive and sealant technologies.

And why we have an entire department dedicated to serving nearly every segment of your industry.

It's why we're maintaining our position as a leading supplier of oxygenated solvents.

And at the same time helping our customers reformulate to meet both short- and long-term

pollution control standards.

Our research and development teams are dedicated to developing a wide variety of products, applications and techniques to meet a broader range of customer needs and expectations.

And we're expanding our ability to distribute efficiently as well as provide prompt and personal technical service. We already have five full-service regional latex plants. Soon there'll be more.

You see, we expect the future to be full of surprises for some people. And filled with opportunities for others.

**PEOPLE PLANNING THE FUTURE.**



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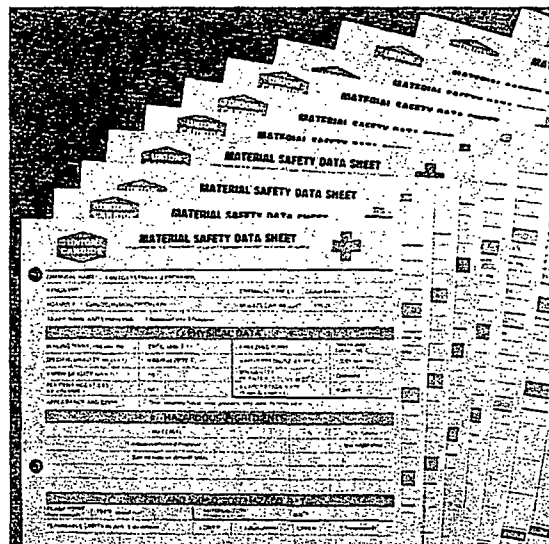
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It is a privilege for Union Carbide to cooperate with ADHESIVES AGE in publishing this OSHA checklist.

OSHA has come a long way in a short time. The OSHA standards are now very sophisticated. But in their very sophistication lies a serious paradox — the difficulty of unraveling all the new regulations, and then following them.

We at Union Carbide hope the accompanying checklist, summarizing the OSHA regulations, will be of value to harried adhesives manufacturing people.

The checklist provides a way to follow OSHA standards, and that is important because the standards have become extremely comprehensive and we are all obliged to follow them.

Of course, regulations alone don't make a safe plant. Effective safety programs are needed to ensure that accidents in the workplace are held to a minimum. Employees at every level must be conscious of good safety practice. Union Carbide has long had many committees and groups, at various levels, working in the health and safety area. Recently, Union Carbide established a new corporate department called the Health, Safety and Environmental Affairs Department.

The new department will develop an advanced corporate epidemiological program, computerize industrial hygiene and health records, monitor the worldwide environmental impact analysis system, ensure adherence to medical standards, and develop new corporate systems dealing with product safety. Data generated by this department will be made available to our distributors and customers, and to anyone in the adhesives industry who might benefit from it.

Union Carbide's emphasis on safety has paid off in the past. For example, the number of our disabling injuries is now less than one-quarter the industrial average. Our Chemicals & Plastics group rating — which includes the Coatings and Adhesives Materials Department — is actually six times better than the average.

Sound safety practices and good business go hand in hand. And like other companies, we take many approaches to attack safety problems. If someone has a better way to protect people — whether it is OSHA, a competitor or an employee — we will incorporate the improvement into our operations.

We at Union Carbide seek out every opportunity to cooperate with government and industry so that we can all be safer. I recently gave a talk entitled "Beyond Safety Regulations," in which I pointed out how we worked closely with OSHA in providing safety information. I thought you might like to read some of the highlights; they are reproduced on the following pages.

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