There are many occupational hazards in dental offices, many of which require a (Material) Safety Data Sheet (MSDS or SDS).

**Common Hazards:** Infection, physical hazards (for example as those related to posture), ionizing radiation and non-ionizing radiation, allergic reactions, mercury health hazards, anesthetic gases

Many of the hazards in dental offices can also impact patients.

The reality is that many everyday products have chemicals and require an SDS. These lists are NOT all inclusive. The best thing for the dental office is to search and/or request an SDS in AutoSDS for any products that are even slightly questionable. If the product does not require an SDS, they will receive an exemption letter or other documentation that no SDS is needed.

**Some common examples from a typical office include:**

- White-out
- Batteries
- Printer Toner
- Hand Sanitizer
- Soaps
- Dry Erase Markers
- Cleaning Products, like Windex
- Glue

**Additional items found in dental offices:**

- Acetone
- Bisphenol A (BPA)
- Ethylene Oxide
- Formaldehyde
- Lead
- Mercury
- Particulate Matter
- Phthalates
- Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
- Solvents
- Styrene
- Toluene
- Benzene
- Formaldehyde
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) – found for example in paints and glues

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