

How effective is your HAZCOM training?

Bleach is a common product used daily at many organizations across DoD. Do your employees know to read labels on cleaners before using them? Do they understand what might happen if bleach is mixed with another chemical? If a chemical reaction occurs, do employees know to respond?

Why bring this up? Consider a recent consumer safety story by Chemical & Engineering News. A chemical reaction occurred in fast food restaurant when a spilled cleaner containing 10% bleach (concentrated) came in contact with a cleaner containing nitric acid. The restaurant manager attempted to clean up the mixture, but was overcome by the resulting “fumes” and later died in the hospital. This death could have been prevented.

The full article is available at: <https://cen.acs.org/safety/consumer-safety/Accidental-mix-bleach-acid-kills/97/i45>.

For additional information on the SMCX’s services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <https://www.smscx.org/>.



Do not mix cleaning products together or add bleach to other chemicals.

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