

# COMMON CHEMICALS IN FRONT OF HOUSE OPERATIONS



## ▶ Types of Chemicals Used:

- ▶ Cleaning Agents (sanitizers, glass cleaners, degreasers)
- ▶ Disinfectants (food-grade sanitizers for bar tops and tables)
- ▶ Draft Line Cleaners (alkaline & acid-based cleaners for beer lines)



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- ▶ Potential Hazards:
  - ▶ Skin & Eye Irritation from chemical splashes
  - ▶ Respiratory Issues from inhaling fumes
  - ▶ Chemical Burns from caustic or acidic cleaners
  - ▶ Contamination Risks affecting beer quality



# SAFE CHEMICAL HANDLING & STORAGE



## ▶ Best Practices:

- ✓ Read and follow Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for each chemical
- ✓ Store chemicals away from food & beverage areas in labeled containers
- ✓ Use proper dilution ratios to avoid over-concentration
- ✓ Never mix chemicals (e.g., ammonia + bleach = toxic gas)
- ✓ Keep spill kits accessible for quick response



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## ▶ PPE Requirements for FOH Staff:

- 🧤 **Gloves** – when handling concentrated solutions
- 👷 **Aprons** – to protect clothing from spills
- 🧴 **Eye Protection** – for chemical splashes





# EMERGENCY RESPONSE & SPILL MANAGEMENT

## ▶ In Case of a Spill or Exposure:

 Stop & Assess: Identify the spilled chemical using SDS

 Communicate: Alert staff & restrict access to the area

 Contain & Clean Up: Use appropriate spill absorbents & disposal method

## Exposure First Aid:

- Skin Contact: Flush with water for 15 minutes
  - Eye Exposure: Rinse with eyewash station & seek medical help
  - Inhalation Issues: Move to fresh air & seek medical help if symptoms persist
- ◆ Report all incidents to management and document spills for safety review



# OCBA SAFETY COMMITTEE

Health & Safety Resources are available at:

[ohiocraftbeer.org/resources/ocba-curated/safety/](https://ohiocraftbeer.org/resources/ocba-curated/safety/)

Send questions to the OCBA Safety Committee at:

[ohiocraftbeer.org/safetyquestions/](https://ohiocraftbeer.org/safetyquestions/)

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