



Responsible Care
OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

RESPONSIBLE CARE

AWARENESS PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION POINTS



- **WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE CARE?**
- **HOW DOES RESPONSIBLE CARE ADD VALUE?**
- **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE CARE?**
- **REMEMBER – RESPONSIBLE AND CARE!**

WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE CARE?

It is an initiative of the global chemical industry in which companies, through their national associations (CAIA in South Africa), commit to work together to continuously improve:

- the health and safety of their workers
- their environmental performance
- their communication with stakeholders



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Responsible Care man**

It is a voluntary programme with the vision of no harm to employees, contractors and the general public from our operations.



It enables the chemical industry to demonstrate how it has improved over the years and to develop policies for further improvement.

It helps the chemical industry to gain the trust of the public and to operate safely, profitably and with due care for future generations.



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RESPONSIBLE CARE:

- **Started in Canada in 1984**
- **Was launched in South Africa in 1994**
- **Has 150 signatory members plus 13 consultant members in SA**

The initiative is essential in the reduction and elimination of risk and to the implementation of sustainable development!!!

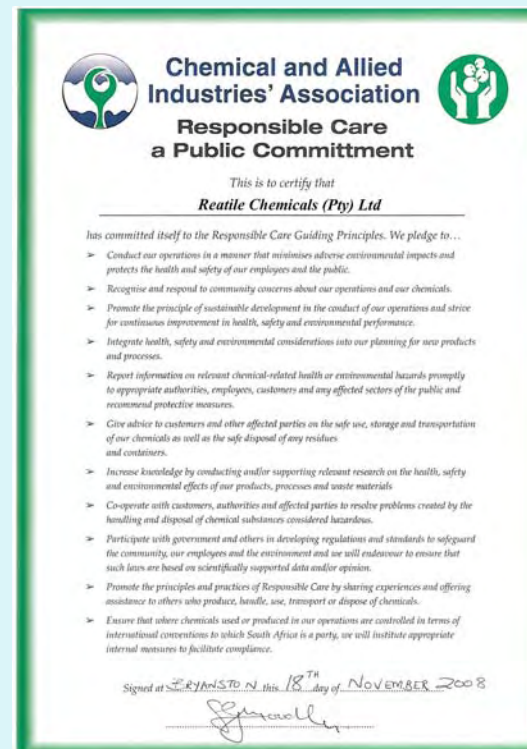


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It all starts when the CEO of the company signs the Responsible Care Public Commitment



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THE COMPANY COMMITS TO THE RESPONSIBLE CARE *GUIDING PRINCIPLES*

THE PRINCIPLES ARE RELATED TO THE WORDS **RESPONSIBLE** AND **CARE** AND MEAN THE FOLLOWING TO COMPANIES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES:

Being concerned about their
community

Co-operating

Being part of a team

Cleaning up their environment

Sharing information

Saving the earth for future
generations



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Knowing where safety equipment is and how to use the equipment

Driving safely and buckling up!

Knowing their facility's health and safety rules and procedures

Reporting for annual medical surveillance assessments

Correctly labelling and using chemicals in the workplace

Supporting your facility's waste management programme



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**Do what is good practice.
Do not waste water or electricity. Be responsible in your behaviour!!**

Responsible Care companies must then implement **management practice standards** applicable to:

- health and safety of the workforce and community
- safe storage and transportation of chemicals
- preparedness for emergency response to incidents
- the prevention of pollution and the efficient use of resources
- safety of the chemical manufacturing process
- communication and interaction with the community
- product stewardship



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Companies must do self assessments and submit questionnaires dealing with the Management Practice Standards to CAIA



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Company's RC performance is important – they must measure their performance by annually submitting Quantitative Indicators of Performance to CAIA.



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Responsible Care signatories must undergo a third party verification audit every two years after signing the Responsible Care public Commitment.



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HOW DOES RC ADD VALUE?



- It focuses on improving S, H and E performance.**
- It encourages mutual support between companies through experience sharing and peer pressure.**
- It encourages companies to inform the public about what they make and do.**
- It helps the chemical industry to engage and work with stakeholders at local, national and international levels.**
- It facilitates legal compliance and works with government to develop new legislation.**
- It brings accountability through its requirement that RC practice implementation be externally verified.**

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE CARE?



WORK SAFELY



WEAR YOUR PPE



**BE RESPONSIBLE
AND DEMONSTRATE
THAT YOU CARE**



**LOOK AFTER
THE
ENVIRONMENT**

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE CARE?

LOOK OUT FOR OTHERS

FOLLOW PROCEDURES



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

REPORT INCIDENTS


REMEMBER – RESPONSIBLE AND CARE!!



In the chemical industry we do not want anyone to get hurt and we do not want to harm the environment.

We encourage everyone to take personal responsibility and to take care of:

- themselves
- colleagues/fellow workers
- the public



We want the chemical industry to be a responsible industry that play an important role in bringing a wide range of benefits to society.

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- **Annual Responsible Care Performance Report**

- **Various committees:**

- **Responsible Care Standing Committee**
- **Chemical Handling and Environmental Forum**
- **Voluntary Advisory Forum**

- **CAIA Website**



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THANK YOU!!



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