

Responsible Care® Product Safety Code: A Commitment to Sustainability



As a partner in the chemical value chain, you need to be confident about where your chemical ingredients come from, how they are used in your finished products and how they will be used across the value chain.

For American Chemistry Council (ACC) member companies, safe management of chemicals is a core value, informing how products are made, sold, delivered, used and disposed. The ACC Responsible Care Product Safety Code is the chemical industry's pledge to deliver products that can be used safely, from inception to end-of-life.

What is the Responsible Care Product Safety Code?

The Product Safety Code is the mark of a company whose products are researched, developed and produced based on the best available science, so that they can be safely used. It's a commitment to continuous improvement, transparency, and excellence up and down the value chain.

- **Excellence** – The Code includes 11 mandatory practices that each chemical manufacturer must undertake to systematically evaluate and continuously improve product safety performance, manage chemicals safely and make information available to the public and along the value chain.
- **Vigilance** – The Code requires companies to identify and evaluate new information that may have implications for risk and product safety management along the value chain.
- **Accountability** – The Code requires companies to take corrective measures if they discover improper practices, including terminating business relationships, if necessary.
- **Transparency** – The Code requires companies to provide plain-language information on chemicals, so the public can make informed decisions about the chemicals they use.
- **Certainty** – Adherence to the Code must be certified by an independent, accredited auditor.

Responsible Care Product Safety Code – The Chain of Confidence

Product safety and stewardship are the responsibility of those that develop, manufacture, sell, use and eventually dispose of chemical products and materials. The Product Safety Code goes beyond regulatory requirements and obligates chemical manufacturers to manage the safety of their chemical products, from inception to end-of-life.

