

WHMIS 2015 The Global Harmonized System

Occupational Health & Safety



What is WHMIS?

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

- It is a comprehensive system for providing health and safety information on hazardous products intended for use, handling, or storage in Canadian workplaces
- Canada has aligned WHMIS with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)



What is WHMIS?

- Aligning with GHS provides many benefits:
 - Hazard classification criteria are more comprehensive which improves ability to indicate severity of hazards.
 - New hazard classes are included.
 - Physical hazard criteria are consistent with the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG regulations).
 - Standardized language (hazard and precautionary statements).
 - Standardized SDS format and more comprehensive requirements.



Roles and Responsibilities

SUPPLIERS

- Identify hazardous products
- Prepare the labels and (M)SDS's and provide them to the purchasers for intended use in the workplace



Roles and Responsibilities

Employers

- Educate and train workers
- Prepare the labels and SDS's as needed
- Ensure proper labelling
- Appropriate control measures



Roles and Responsibilities

Workers

- participate in WHMIS and chemical safety training programs;
- take necessary steps to protect themselves and their co-workers; and,
- participate in identifying and controlling hazards.



Three Elements of WHMIS

Labels: All hazardous materials must carry labels that clearly identify risks, and recommend precautions for safe handling.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS): A SDS contains much more detailed information about a material than is found on the label. A SDS must be provided for every hazardous material in your workplace. (Formerly called MSDS).

Worker Training: Employers are required to educate workers on how to use and interpret WHMIS information. Generic WHMIS training is an annual requirement in most



RULES, CLASSES AND CATEGORIES

The purpose of WHMIS is to:

Establish rules for classifying products into classes and categories.

Labels and safety data sheets (SDS) provide information about products according to the

Criteria of the Hazardous Products Act and regulations.

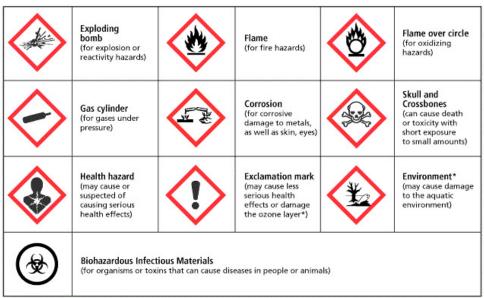




Hazards And Classes

WHMIS applies to hazardous materials known as controlled products.

A controlled product is any product that can be included in any of the following nine classes:



^{*} The GHS system also defines an Environmental hazards group. This group (and its classes) was not adopted in WHMIS 2015. However, you may see the environmental classes listed on labels and Safety Data Sheets (SDSs). Including information about environmental hazards is allowed by WHMIS 2015.



Hazard Groups

- WHMIS applies to two major groups of hazards: physical, and health.
 - Physical hazards group: based on the physical or chemical properties of the product – such as flammability, reactivity, or corrosivity to metals.
 - Health hazards group: based on the ability of the product to cause a health effect — such as eye irritation, respiratory sensitization (may cause allergy or asthma symptoms or breathing difficulties if inhaled), or carcinogenicity (may cause cancer).



Hazard Class

 Hazard classes are a way of grouping together products that have similar properties.

- Most of the hazard classes are common to GHS and will be used worldwide by all countries that have adopted GHS.
 - Some hazard classes are <u>specific to WHMIS</u>.



List of Physical Hazard Classes

- Flammable gases
- Aerosols
- Oxidizing gases
- Gases under pressure
- Flammable liquids
- Flammable solids
- Self-reactive substances
- Pyrophoric solids
- Pyrophoric liquids
- Self-heating substances

- Substances which emit flammable gases when in contact with water
- Oxidizing liquids
- Oxidizing solids
- Organic peroxides
- Corrosive to metals
- Combustible dusts
- Simple asphyxiants
- Chemicals under pressure
- Physical hazards not otherwise classified



List of Health Hazard Classes

- Acute toxicity
- Skin corrosion/irritation
- Serious eye damage/eye irritation
- Respiratory/skin sensitization
- Germ cell mutagenicity
- Carcinogenicity
- Reproductive toxicity
- Aspiration hazard

- Specific target organ toxicity – single exposure
- Specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure
- Biohazardous infectious materials
- Health hazards not otherwise classified



What is a hazard category?

- Each hazard class contains at least one category.
 - The hazard categories are assigned a number (e.g., 1, 2, etc.).
 - Categories may also be called "types".
 - Types are assigned an alphabetical letter (e.g., A, B, etc.). In a few cases, sub-categories are also specified. Subcategories are identified with a number and a letter (e.g., 1A and 1B).



What is a hazard category?

- The category tells you about how hazardous the product is (that is, the severity of hazard).
 - Category 1 is always the greatest level of hazard (that is, it is the most hazardous within that class).
 - If Category 1 is further divided, Category 1A within the same hazard class is a greater hazard than category 1B.
 - Category 2 within the same hazard class is more hazardous than category 3, and so on.



Criteria for type and amount of Training

- If the product is under WHMIS and is already used in the workplace, workers should already be trained to work with it safely.
- If the same product enters the workplace with WHMIS 2015 labels and safety data sheets, and workers know how to work with it safely, workers may continue to use the product but must be trained as soon as practicable on the content and format of the new supplier labels and safety data sheets.



Is This a New Product or Newly Classified?

- products with WHMIS 1998 labels and material safety data sheets for as long as they are still used in the workplace; and,
- products with WHMIS 2015 labels and safety data sheets, as soon as practicable after these products enter the workplace and, in some cases, before they are used.



STOP!!

If a hazardous product enters the workplace with WHMIS 2015 labels and safety data sheets, and it was not previously used, You need to make sure you have the training before you use it!



SYMBOLS



WHMIS Controlled products fall into nine 'classes', some of which are further broken down into 'divisions'. Each class or division has a unique distinctive hazard symbol.

Let's review each of these symbols!



Symbols

WHMIS applies to hazardous materials known as controlled products.

A controlled product is any product that can be included in any of the following nine classes:

	Exploding bomb (for explosion or reactivity hazards)	Flame (for fire hazards)	(4)	Flame over circle (for oxidizing hazards)
\Diamond	Gas cylinder (for gases under pressure)	Corrosion (for corrosive damage to metals, as well as skin, eyes)		Skull and Crossbones (can cause death or toxicity with short exposure to small amounts)
	Health hazard (may cause or suspected of causing serious health effects)	Exclamation mark (may cause less serious health effects or damage the ozone layer*)	*	Environment* (may cause damage to the aquatic environment)
®	Biohazardous Infectious M (for organisms or toxins that	aterials can cause diseases in people or anima	als)	

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Flame Pictogram



- Flammable gases (Category 1A and 1B Flammable gas; Category 1A and 1B Chemically unstable gas; Category 1A Pyrophoric gas))
- Aerosols (Category 1 and 2)
- Flammable liquids (Category 1, 2 and 3)
- Flammable solids (Category 1 and 2)
- Pyrophoric liquids (Category 1)
- Pyrophoric solids (Category 1)

- Self-heating substances and mixtures (Category 1 and 2)
- Substances and mixtures which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases (Category 1, 2 and 3)
- Self-reactive substances and mixtures (Types B*, C, D, E and F)
- Organic peroxides (Types B*, C, D, E and F)
- Chemicals under pressure (Category 1** and 2**)



Flame Over Circle Pictogram



- Oxidizing gases (Category 1)
- Oxidizing liquids (Category 1, 2 and 3)
- Oxidizing solids (Category 1, 2 and 3)



Gas Cylinder Pictogram



- Gases under pressure
 - (Compressed gas, Liquefied gas, Refrigerated liquefied gas, and Dissolved gas)
- Chemicals under pressure
 - (Category 1**, 2** and 3)



Corrosion Pictogram



- Corrosive to metals (Category 1)
- Skin corrosion/irritation Skin corrosion (Category 1, 1A, 1B and 1C)
- Serious eye damage/eye irritation Serious eye damage (Category 1)



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Exploding Bomb Pictogram



- Self-reactive substances and mixtures (Types A and B*)
- Organic peroxides (Types A and B*)



Skull and Crossbones Pictogram



- Acute toxicity
 - Oral (Category 1, 2 and 3)
 - Dermal (Category 1, 2 and 3)
 - Inhalation (Category 1, 2 and 3)



Health Hazard Pictogram



- Respiratory or skin sensitization Respiratory sensitizer (Category 1, 1A and 1B)
- Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 1, 1A, 1B and 2)
- Carcinogenicity (Category 1, 1A, 1B, and 2)
- Reproductive toxicity (Category 1, 1A, 1B and 2)
- Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single exposure (Category 1 and 2)
- Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeated exposure (Category 1 and 2)
- Aspiration hazard (Category 1)



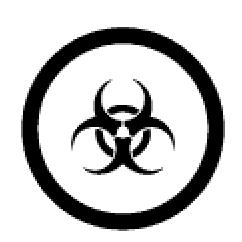
Exclamation Mark Pictogram



- Acute toxicity Oral, Dermal, Inhalation (Category 4)
- Skin corrosion/irritation Skin irritation (Category 2)
- Serious eye damage/eye irritation Eye irritation (Category 2 and 2A)
- Respiratory or skin sensitization Skin sensitizer (Category 1, 1A and 1B)
- Specific target organ toxicity Single exposure (Category 3)



Riohazardous Infectious Materials Pictogram



Biohazardous Infectious Materials (Category 1)



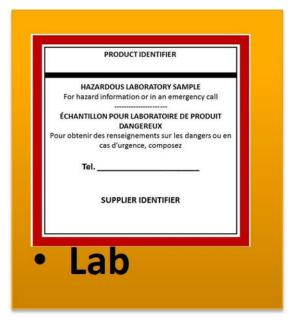
Where will you find Pictograms?

 Pictograms will be on the product supplier labels of the hazardous materials you work with

Pictograms will be on the SDSs



3 Types of Labels









Supplier Labels



- 1. Product Identifier
- 2. Initial Supplier Identifier
- 3. Pictogram(s)
- 4. Signal Word
- 5. HazardStatement(s)
- 6. PrecautionaryStatement(s)
- 7. Label Information



Workplace Labels

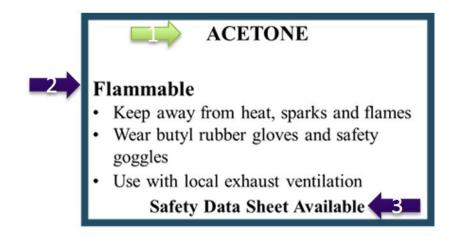
Affixed to a product in the workplace when the product is **decanted from a large container** to a smaller container, or when the original label is lost, damaged, or illegible.

Workplace labels are applied to:

- Secondary containers
- Containers of products received in bulk
- Employer-produced products
- Containers with missing or illegible supplier labels



Workplace Labels



- 1. Product Name
- 2. Safe
 Handling
 Procedures
- 3. Reference to the SDS



Safety Data Sheets

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) need to be available for all products under WHMIS and provide more detailed information than can be found on a label.

They must be updated when new information is made available by the supplier.

The format has a 16-section SDS with each section listed in a standardized order



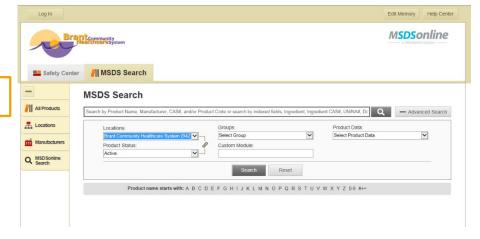


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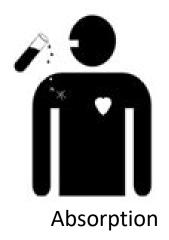
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Routes of Entry



Inhalation







Injection/Penetration Wounds



Inhalation

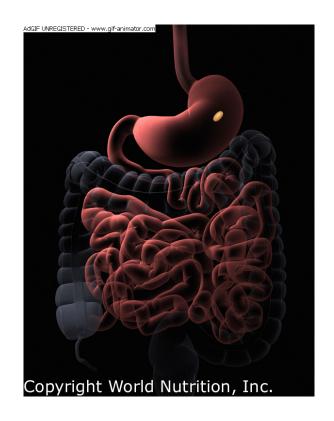
The material enters your body by breathing it in. Airborne contaminants can be easily absorbed through the tissue and become in constant contact with the air we breathe.





Ingestion

The material enters the body by mouth (swallowing). Toxic material entering the body by ingestion can occur from eating in a contaminated workplace.





Absorption

The material can be absorbed into the body through the eyes or skin causing dangerous effects.







Injection/Penetration Wounds

The material enter the body through an open wound or contaminated





Control of Hazards

Here are some ways to control exposure to hazardous substances:

- 1. Elimination remove the hazard from the workplace.
- 2. Substitution substitute hazardous materials or machines with less hazardous ones.



- 3. Safe Work Practices (Administrative Controls) controlling the way the work is done, including timing, policies and rules, AUTION CAUTION CAUTION and work practices.
- 4. Ventilation (Engineering Controls) eliminating atmospheric hazards or merely controlling them.

