

Hazard Communication

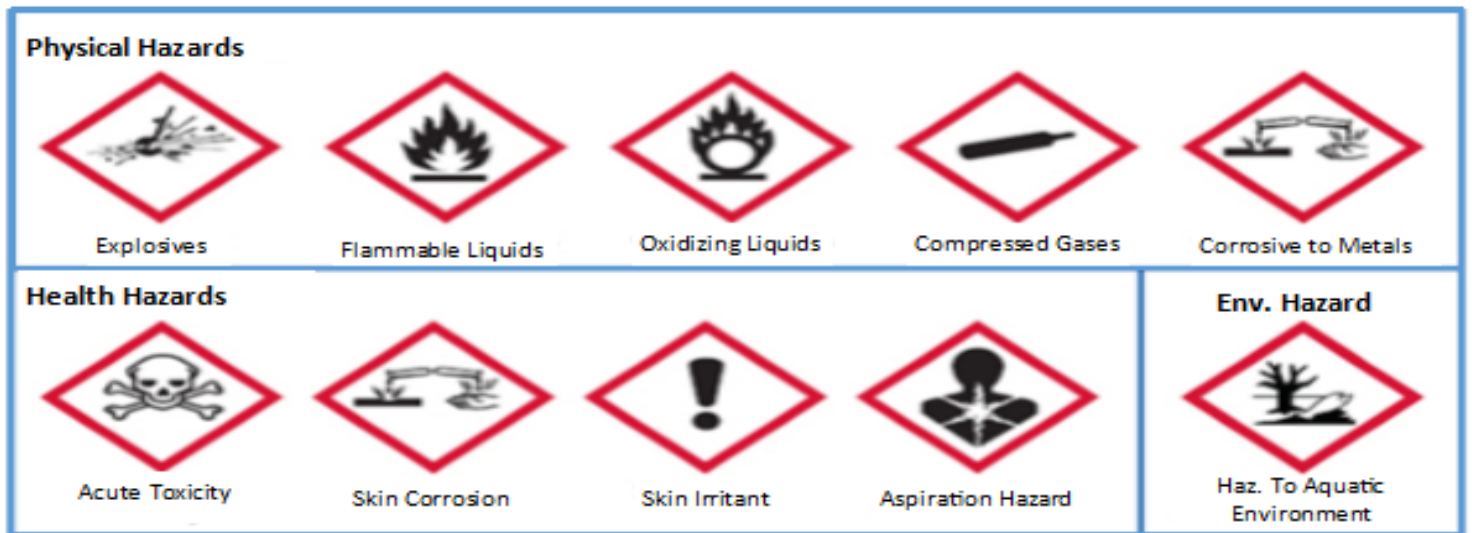
Hazard Communication or “HAZCOM” was developed to ensure that employers provide employees with pertinent safety information for when coming in contact with chemicals used in their workplace. HAZCOM requirements are designed to reducing the risk of chemical-related occupational illnesses and injuries by making available specific information to help identify and evaluate hazardous chemicals in the workplace. Tools such as Container Labeling and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) assist employers in identifying and communicating these hazards.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS):

An SDS is a fact sheet developed by the manufacturer that contains information on all of the hazards associated with a particular chemical. It also provides guidance on how to protect oneself from these hazards and emergency information/procedures in the event of an accident. SDS’s must continuously be updated and made easily accessible to all employees who could potentially be exposed.

Container Labeling:

Understanding the meaning of labels or “placards” (as seen below) will inform you of the harmful affects a substance can create. Every container is required to have a label that lists all of the hazard information for the chemical it contains, this includes refillable containers such as spray bottles or buckets.



Examples

Physical Hazards

- Explosives -
- Flammable Liquids -
- Oxidizing Liquids -
- Compressed Gasses -
- Corrosive to Metal -

Health Hazards

- Acute Toxicity -
- Skin Corrosion -
- Skin Irritant -
- Aspiration Hazard -