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## WHMIS 2015

The workplace hazardous materials information system (WHMIS) is a Canadian system of rules for hazard classification, labelling, safety data sheets (SDSs) and worker education about hazardous products used at work.

In February 2015, WHMIS aligned with the globally harmonized system (GHS). GHS is a worldwide system intended to provide a common set of rules for classifying hazardous products, creating labels and SDSs. GHS does not replace WHMIS, but introduces some important changes.

Physical Hazards					Health Hazards			Enviro Hazards	
									
Explosive	Flammable Flammable	Oxidizing	Gas under pressure	Corrosive	Acute toxicity (harmful)	Chronic toxicity	Acute toxicity (severe)	Biohazard	Environ. hazard

### Before using a hazardous product:

- Make sure you have WHMIS 2015 training
- Read labels, SDSs and company safe work procedures
- Review the hazards and take precaution to avoid exposure (ventilation, personal protective equipment, etc.)
- Talk to your supervisor if you do not think you can use a product safely
- Know what to do in an emergency
  - Where is the nearest safety shower, eye wash station or first aid kit?
  - What are the symptoms of exposure?
  - Do you know what to do if there is a spill or leak?
  - Who do you notify in the event of an incident?