



The Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals

OSHA updated the Hazard Communication standard in 2012 to align with the Globally Harmonized System (GHS). Standard phrases and pictograms are now used to communicate chemical hazards

Labels must contain:

- Name, Address and Telephone number of chemical manufacturer, importer or other responsible party
- Product Identifier-“name” of product
- Signal Word
- Hazard Statement(s)
- Precautionary Statement(s)
- Pictograms(s)

Signal Words: used to indicate the relative level of severity of the hazard, there are two signal words:

- Danger-used for more severe hazards
- Warning-used for less severe hazards


Hazard Statement(s): A statement assigned to a hazard class and category that describes the nature of the hazard(s) of a chemical, including where appropriate the degree of hazard, e.g. Fatal if swallowed

Precautionary Statement(s): A phrase that describes recommended measures that should be taken to minimize or prevent adverse effects resulting from exposure or improper storage or handling. Four types of statements which have been assigned to hazard classes and categories:

- Prevention
- Response
- Storage
- Disposal

Pictograms: May include a symbol plus other graphic elements such as a border, background pattern or color. Intended to convey specific information about the hazards of a chemical. Eight designated pictograms and one non-mandatory. Black symbols on a white background, with a red diamond border.

SAMPLE LABEL

CODE _____ Product Name _____	}	Product Identifier	Hazard Pictograms 	Signal Word Danger	Hazard Statements Highly flammable liquid and vapor. May cause liver and kidney damage.
Company Name _____ Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____ Emergency Phone Number _____					
Precautionary Statements Keep container tightly closed. Store in a cool, well-ventilated place that is locked. Keep away from heat/sparks/open flame. No smoking. Only use non-sparking tools. Use explosion-proof electrical equipment. Take precautionary measures against static discharge. Ground and bond container and receiving equipment. Do not breathe vapors. Wear protective gloves. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Dispose of in accordance with local, regional, national, international regulations as specified. In Case of Fire: use dry chemical (BC) or Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂) fire extinguisher to extinguish. First Aid If exposed call Poison Center. If on skin (or hair): Take off immediately any contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water.			Supplemental Information Directions for Use _____ _____ _____ Fill weight: _____ Lot Number: _____ Gross weight: _____ Fill Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____		

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are now called Safety Data Sheets (SDS)