











WHMIS 2015: Pictograms overview

Pictograms are graphic images that immediately show you what type of hazard a hazardous product presents. With a quick glance, you can see, for example, that a product is flammable, or if it might be a health hazard.

Most pictograms have a red, diamond-shaped border. Inside this border is a symbol that represents the hazard, such as fire, health hazard, corrosive, etc. Together, the symbol and the border are referred to as a pictogram. Pictograms are assigned to specific hazard classes or categories.

The following table shows the pictograms. The name of each pictogram is in bold type. The words in the brackets describe the hazard.

	Exploding bomb (for explosion or reactivity hazards)		Flame (for fire hazards)		Flame over circle (for oxidizing hazards)
	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 materials** (for organisms or toxins that can cause diseases in people or animals)					

* There is an environmental hazards group in GHS. This group (and its classes) was not adopted in WHMIS 2015. However, you may see the environmental classes listed on labels and SDSs. Including information about environmental hazards is allowed by WHMIS 2015.

** The “Biohazardous infectious materials” hazard class is included in WHMIS 1988 but is not part of GHS. This class has been kept in WHMIS 2015 to continue to protect workers.

Record of meeting

Project				
Address		City	Province	Postal code
Employer		Supervisor		
Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Time		Shift	
Number in crew		Number attending		

Other safety issues or suggestions made by crew members

Record of those attending

Name (please print)	Signature	Company
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Manager's remarks	
Manager's signature	Supervisor's signature