



## WHMIS 2015: How does it affect me?

### What is WHMIS 2015?

"WHMIS 2015" refers to a new set of standards for categorizing and labelling hazardous products. The changes are as follows:

- New classes of hazards
- All new pictograms/symbols
- Revised labelling requirements
- Changes to contents of "safety data sheets" (SDS) (versus material safety data sheets [MSDS])
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### How does this affect me?

If you work with hazardous products at the university, you should begin to transition to WHMIS 2015 standards.

Full compliance with the program is required by December 1, 2018. For questions about the program and its impact on you, [Safety Services](#).

### What are the new symbols/hazard categories?

WHMIS 2015 has a new set of hazard categories and pictograms/symbols. Refer to the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) [WHMIS 2015 -- Pictograms fact sheet](#) or [Pictograms comparison](#) document to learn more.  
[WHMIS Portal](#)

### What are the new labelling requirements?

Supplier labels have a few new requirements. Review the CCOHS [WHMIS 2015 -- Labels fact sheet](#) or [Label comparison](#) document for more information.

Please see the attached workplace label templates below to assist you with relabeling.

To assist in completing the new label requirements use the following website <https://chemicalsafety.com/sds-search/> copy and paste the hazard statements and precautions into the templates.

The GHS hazard symbols in the templates are greyed out but you can click whichever ones that are appropriate to make them appear/disappear or you clear them with the button (which does not actually get printed).

For small containers (100 mL) or less the label only requires the "Product Name" and the words "See SDS".

Please contact [Safety Services](#) if you have any questions.

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