1. Safety In the Science Lab

A. Lab Safety Contract

B. WHMIS

- stands for the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
- it is a comprehensive system for providing <u>health and safety</u> information on <u>hazardous</u> products intended for use, handling, or storage in Canadian workplaces
- the main components of WHMIS are:
 - > hazard identification and product classification
 - > labelling
 - > safety data sheets
 - > education and training

WHMIS Symbols and Pictograms

 WHMIS became law in 1988 & introduced distinctive symbols to identify hazardous materials.



- in 2015, WHMIS was updated to align with the worldwide hazard communication system known as the <u>Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals</u> or **(GHS)**
- it was developed by the United Nations to replace an assortment of national hazard classification systems with one <u>global set of rules</u> for communicating hazard information
- the updated classifications, labels, and safety data sheets improve communication, clarity, and worker safety around the world
- there are now <u>ten</u> pictograms which are aligned with the GHS

WHMIS Chemical Hazards Pictograms 2015

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| С | (a) | \$ | Oxidizing Gases, Liquids, Solids |
| D1 | (3) | | Acute Toxicity - Oral, Dermal, Inhalation |
| D2 | Θ | * | Eye Irritation, Skin Irritation Skin/Respiratory Sensitization, Carcinogenicity Mutagenicity Reproductive Hazards |
| D3 | (| ® | Biohazardous Infectious Materials |
| E | | | Skin/Eye Corrosion Corrosive to Metals |
| F | R | | Self-Reactive Substances Organic Peroxides |
| N/A | N/A | | Explosive Substances (Explosives are still covered under WHMIS exclusions for now) |
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Product Labelling

- product labels provides users with <u>concise</u> information about the hazards of the substance being used you use and how to <u>protect</u> yourself from those hazards, including <u>safe handling</u> and <u>emergency</u> measures.



What is a Safety Data Sheet (SDS)?

- SDSs are summary documents that provide information about the <u>hazards</u> of a product and <u>advice</u> about <u>safety</u> precautions
- SDSs provide more detailed hazard information about the product than the label
- tell users <u>what</u> the hazards of the product are, <u>how</u> to use the product safely, what to <u>expect</u> if the recommendations are <u>not</u> <u>followed</u>, how to <u>recognize</u> symptoms of exposure, and <u>what to do</u> if emergencies occur.

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