

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System and Hazardous household Product Symbols

Throughout Canada, standard symbols are used to identify dangerous materials.

The **Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)** has produced symbols for such work places as science laboratories. These are known as WHMIS symbols.



Gas Under Pressure



Flammable and Combustible Material



Oxidizing Material



Corrosive Material



Environmental Hazard



Harmful or Fatal (even in small quantities)



Harmful – skin, eyes, respiratory (fatal in large quantities)



Health Hazard – allergic reaction, carcinogen, etc.



Explosion Hazard



Biohazardous Infectious Material

*Note: The diamonds on WHMIS symbols are red.

The **Hazardous Household Product Symbols (HHPS)** were developed for people buying and using materials around the home.



Flammable



Poisonous



Explosive



Corrosive



Caution



Warning



Dangerous

Both of these sets of symbols provide warnings about the possible hazards of using a product, and the necessary precautions to take when using it.