

WHMIS—The workplace label

The purposes of WHMIS labels are to

- Alert workers to the main hazards of controlled products
- Provide instructions for safe handling of controlled products
- Direct workers to the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) for more information

The two types of WHMIS labels are the supplier label and the workplace label. Other means of identification may be used where appropriate (such as warning signs, colour codes, or placards).

Workplace labels are required on containers of controlled products produced on site, and on secondary containers where the product has been transferred from the original container.

Workplace labels are applied to

- Secondary containers
- Containers of products received in bulk
- Employer-produced products
- Containers with missing or illegible supplier labels

The format of workplace labels is flexible and may be in the language of choice in the workplace.

WORKPLACE LABEL

> Contains the following:

- ↔ Product name
- ↔ Safe handling procedures
- ↔ Reference to the MSDS

WORKPLACE LABEL EXAMPLE

ACETONE

Flammable

- Keep away from heat, sparks, and flames
- Wear butyl rubber gloves and safety goggles
- Use with local exhaust ventilation

Material Safety Data Sheet Available

Project: _____ Address: _____

Employer: _____ Supervisor: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____ Shift: _____

Number on shift: _____ Number attending: _____

Other safety issues or suggestions made by attendees:

Record of those attending:

Name: (please print)	Signature:	Company:
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Manager's remarks: _____

Manager: _____ Supervisor: _____

(signature)

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