



WHMIS 2015

The Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) is being implemented by Canada and this alignment will change WHMIS-related laws effective December 1, 2018. The new WHMIS in Canada is identified as WHMIS 2015 (replacing WHMIS 1988).

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BY DECEMBER 1, 2018, ALL MEMBERS OF CAMPUS MUST HAVE THE UPDATED ONLINE WHMIS 2015 TRAINING AS OFFERED BY SAFETY RESOURCES.

TRAINING MATERIAL

WHMIS 2015 training expires after three years and must be renewed. Any employee that works with hazardous products must maintain current training. If you have taken the Safety Resources' WHMIS training since January 1, 2017, you are trained to WHMIS 2015 standards.



If your training is **OLDER** than January 2017, you must retrain before December 1, 2018.

Check your training records on the Safety Resources website to see when you will need to retrain. Access your records using the steps below:



- Go to safetyresources.usask.ca ←
- Click on the "Register for Training!" button
- On the right-hand side, click "Profile"
- Log in using your NSID credentials
- Your training history will be shown in a table
 - Note the "Date Course Taken" for your WHMIS training

Every **EMPLOYER** is required to:

- Ensure hazardous products are properly labeled. WHMIS labels alert the worker to the identity of the product, hazards, and precautionary measures;
- Ensure Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available, current and readily available for all hazardous products being used and stored. Safety Data Sheets (SDS) provide detailed hazard and precautionary information and;
- Educate employees about WHMIS, hazardous materials, and protective measures to work safely with the hazardous products.

Every **EMPLOYEE** is required to:

- Participate in WHMIS training and other health and safety training required for your job;
- Use your WHMIS training and adhere to WHMIS requirements;
- Follow safe work procedures and rules;
- Know where SDSs are located in your workplace and how to use them;
- Inform your supervisor about any hazards you see in the workplace and;
- Inform your supervisor of deficiencies such as labels on containers that are no longer readable, damaged or lost.
- Maintain a current chemical inventory



Workplace-specific training is the most important part of WHMIS training. Your supervisor must provide you with training on the specific hazardous materials you will be working with and document the training that has occurred.



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LABELLING

Employers in Saskatchewan have a final deadline of December 1, 2018 to transition to WHMIS 2015. If you have hazardous products with WHMIS 1988 labels and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) in your workplace you must either:

1. Relabel WHMIS 1988 products with a WHMIS 2015 compliant workplace or supplier label
2. Obtain or prepare a WHMIS 2015 compliant Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
3. Use up or dispose the product by November 30, 2018
4. Safely dispose of WHMIS 1988 products that cannot be brought into compliance with WHMIS 2015 by contacting Waste Management Facility (WMF) at 306-966-8497

“Workplace label” means a legible label that discloses:

a PRODUCT IDENTIFIER

Methanol

b WHMIS HAZARD PICTOGRAM(S)

c SAFE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

DANGER ~~or WARNING~~

Highly flammable liquid and vapour
 Toxic if swallowed
 Toxic if contact with skin
 Toxic if inhaled
 Causes damage to organ

Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for additional information

a **PRODUCT IDENTIFIER**
 Enter the product name exactly as it appears on the Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

b **HAZARD PICTOGRAMS**
 Select (by checking the box) which **hazard pictograms are relevant to the product**. See SDS for product hazard information and for which pictograms are required. Block out all non-applicable pictograms.

c **SAFE HANDLING PRECAUTIONS**
 Enter the standardized statements given in the product’s SDS:

- **A signal word (DANGER or WARNING)** is required.
- **Hazard statements** are required. See SDS for applicable hazard statements.
- **Precautionary Statements**
- All necessary information for the safe handling of the product including:
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE) required;
 - Emergency measures; and
 - First aid measures

