

WHMIS CLASSES AND HAZARD SYMBOLS WORKPLACE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM

	RISKS	PRECAUTIONS
Compressed Gas Class A	MATERIALS WHICH ARE NORMALLY GASEOUS KEPT IN PRESSURIZED CONTAINER Could explode due to pressure Could explode if heated or dropped Possible hazard from both the force of explosion and the release of contents	Store in appropriate designated areas Do not drop or allow to fall.
Flammable And Combustible Class B	MATERIALS WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BURN AFTER BEING EXPOSED TO A FLAME OR OTHER IGNITION SOURCE May ignite spontaneously May be a material which will release flammable products if allowed to degrade or when exposed	STORE IN PROPERLY DESIGNATED AREAS WORK IN WELL VENTILATED AREAS • Avoid heating • Avoid sources of sparks/flames • Ensure electrical sources are safe
Oxidizing Material Class C	MATERIALS WHICH CAN CAUSE OTHER MATERIALS TO BURN OR SUPPORT COMBUSTION Can cause skin or eye burns Increase fire and explosion hazards May cause combustibles to explode or react violently	STORE IN AREAS AWAY FROM COMBUSTIBLES WEAR BODY, HAND, FACE AND EYE PROTECTION Store in proper containers which will not rust or oxidize
Toxic Effects Immediate and Serious Class D-1	POISONS / POTENTIALLY FATAL MATERIALS WHICH CAUSE IMMEDIATE AND SEVERE HARM May be fatal if ingested or inhaled May be absorbed through the skin Small volumes have a toxic effect	AVOID BREATHING DUST OR VAPOURS AVOID BONTCT WITH SKIN OR EYES • Wear protective clothing which is effective against fumes and vapours • Wear face and eye protection • Work in well ventilated areas and wear breathing protection
Serious Toxic Effects Class D-2	MATERIALS WHICH HAVE HARMFUL EFFECTS AFTER REPEATED EXPOSURES OR OVER LONG PERIODS OF TIME • May cause death or permanent injury • May cause birth defects or sterility • May cause cancer • May be sensitizer causing allergies	WEAR BODY, FACE AND EYE PROTECTION USE BREATHING APPARATUS • Ensure protective equipment is appropriate • Work in well ventilated area • Avoid all direct body contact Use appropriate storage containers and ensure proper non-venting closures
Biohazardous Infectious Materials Class D-3	INFECTIOUS AGENTS OR A BIOLOGICAL TOXIN CAUSING A SERIOUS DISEASE OR DEATH • May cause anaphylactic shock • Includes Viruses, Yeast, Moulds, Bacteria, and Parasites which affect humans • Including fluids containing toxic products • Includes cellular components	SPECIAL TRAINING REQUIRED WORK IN DESIGNATED BIOLOGICAL AREAS WITH APPROPRIATE ENGINEERING CONTROLS • Avoid forming aerosols • Avoid breathing vapours • Avoid contamination of people / areas • Store only in special designated areas

Corrosive Materials Class E	AND L B C B C C C C C C C C C C	RIALS WHICH REACT WITH METALS IVING TISSUE ye and skin irritation on exposure evere burns/tissue damage on longer xposure ung damage if inhaled lay cause blindness if eyes contracted invironmental damage from fumes	WEAR BODY, FACE AND EYE PROTECTION USE BREATHING APPARATUS • Ensure protective equipment is appropriate • Work in well ventilated area • Avoid all direct body contact • Use appropriate storage containers and ensure proper non-venting closures
Dangerously Reactive Class F	REAC:	RIALS WHICH MAY HAVE UNEXPECTED TIONS flay react with water flay be chemically unstable flay explode if exposed to shock or heat flay release toxic or flammable vapours flay vigorously polymerize flay burn unexpectedly	HANDLE WITH CARE AVOIDING VIBRATION, SHOCKS AND SUDDEN TEMPERATURE CHANGES Store in appropriate containers Ensure storage containers are sealed Store and work in designated areas

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