



WHMIS 2015: The workplace label

WHMIS labels are your first alert about the major hazards of hazardous products. WHMIS labels also outline the basic precautions or safety steps you should take.

There are two main types of WHMIS labels: supplier labels and workplace labels.

A workplace label gives you the following information about a hazardous product:

- The product identifier (name)
- Safe handling information
- A reference to the safety data sheet (SDS).

Workplace labels may include pictograms or other information from supplier labels.

QRP provides labels in the form of stickers available through Stores.

Sample workplace label

W.H.M.I.S. WORKPLACE LABEL

PRODUCT IDENTIFIER: Acetone

SAFE HANDLING PROCEDURES: No smoking, sparks, or flames. Wear eye, face, and hand protection. Use in well-ventilated area, or wear NIOSH-approved respirator with organic vapour cartridges.

SAFETY DATA SHEET AVAILABLE FOR PRODUCT



When workplace labels are needed

A workplace label is needed in the following cases:

- A hazardous product is produced (made) and used in your workplace
- A hazardous product is decanted (transferred or poured) into another container
- A supplier label becomes lost or unreadable

Exceptions for decanted products

Workplace labels are not needed in two specific cases:

1. When you'll use the decanted product **immediately and completely**.
2. The decanted product **stays under the control of the person who decanted it**, and the decanted product's name (product identifier) is marked on the container, and all of the decanted product will be used during the same shift.