

STOP!
Read the Symbols and Labels



CORROSIVE

The product can burn your skin or eyes. If swallowed, it will damage your throat and stomach.



EXPLOSIVE

The container can explode if heated or punctured. Flying pieces of metal or plastic from the container can cause serious injury, especially to eyes.



FLAMMABLE

The product or its vapours will catch fire easily if it is near heat, flames or sparks.

The **SYMBOL** on a container shows a **PICTURE** inside a **FRAME**, like this:



Danger:



Warning:



Caution:





The more sides the frame has the more dangerous the product is.

The **PICTURE** tells you the **TYPE** of danger.

POISON

If you swallow, lick, (or in some cases), inhale the chemical, you could become very sick or die.

READ THE LABELS



SYMBOL

SIGNAL WORD

CAUTION means be careful.
WARNING means be very careful.
Danger means be extremely careful.

Under the signal word, the label tells why the product is dangerous.

Instructions on how to use the product safely appear on the back or the side of the container.



FIRST AID TREATMENT

The label always gives instructions on first aid treatment in case of injury and lists the harmful substances in the product.

SAFETY TIPS

- Teach children that these symbols mean Danger! Do not touch.
- Keep all products with these symbols where children cannot **SEE** or **REACH** them.
- Read the label and follow the instructions. If you have trouble reading the label, ask for help. Do not cover up or remove the labels from these products.
- Copy emergency phone numbers from the first page of your phone book. Keep the numbers close to the phone.



Ⓢ If someone is hurt by a product that has these symbols on the label:

- a) Call the Poison Control Centre or your doctor right away.
- b) Tell the person who answers the phone what the label says.
- c) Bring the product with you when you go for help.

For more information [contact Product Safety, Health Canada.](#)

Please click on [**STAY SAFE – AN EDUCATION GUIDE TO HAZARD SYMBOLS**](#) to access a guide for adults to use when teaching preschool children about the hazard symbols.

STAY SAFE will help you teach your children to:

- a) recognize that each of the four hazard symbols means "Danger"
- b) recognize the hazard symbols on containers of household chemical products
- c) take safe action steps if they find a container with a hazard symbol on the label



The **STAY SAFE** activities in this guide are intended to reinforce the hazard symbol recognition and the related safety messages to preschool children.

The fact sheets provide additional information to assist adults in creating a safer home environment for children.

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