Although hazardous products may be labeled, some labels may not be compliant with WHMIS legislation. This legislation requires pictograms for identifying hazard classes as well as hazard statements and signal words.

**Guidelines:**

- There are many variations of supplier and workplace labels in circulation. Some labels have hazard symbols in a black circular border, symbols in square border, other symbols, risk phrases, or no health and safety information at all.
- Hazardous products with non-compliant labelling must be labelled appropriately or removed from the workplace.
- WHMIS hazard class pictograms have a distinctive “square set on one of its points” border.

Examples of non compliant and compliant supplier and workplace labels (not all inclusive)

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**What to do if a Supplier or Workplace label is not compliant with WHMIS Regulations?**

If hazardous products are non-compliant with labelling, they must be relabeled with a supplier or a workplace label. Workplace labels at a minimum must contain the following information:

- Product name (matching the SDS product name).
- Safe handling precautions, may include pictograms or other supplier label information.
- A reference to the SDS (if available).

**Note:** Workplace labels can be generated through [EHS Assistant](https://EHSAssistant.com) or you can generate your own using these templates and referring to the SDS. When affixing a label not printed from EHS Assistant, ensure that you don’t cover over the chemical inventory barcode.

Sample workplace label

Additional information can be found:
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and safety: [https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/chemicals/whmis_ghs/labels.html](https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/chemicals/whmis_ghs/labels.html)