

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)

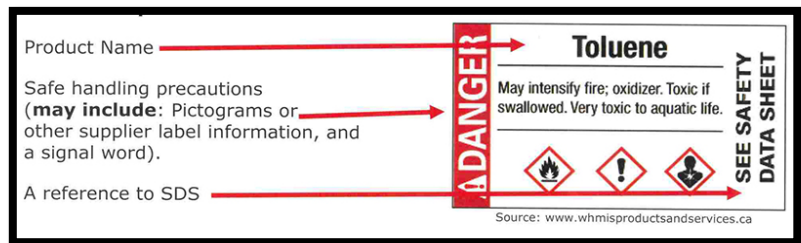
Supplier Labels				
Workplace Labels				

**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](#) 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



Product Name → **Toluene**

Safe handling precautions (**may include:** Pictograms or other supplier label information, and a signal word.) → **DANGER**

A reference to SDS → **SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET**

May intensify fire; oxidizer. Toxic if swallowed. Very toxic to aquatic life.

Source: www.whmisproductsandservices.ca

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)