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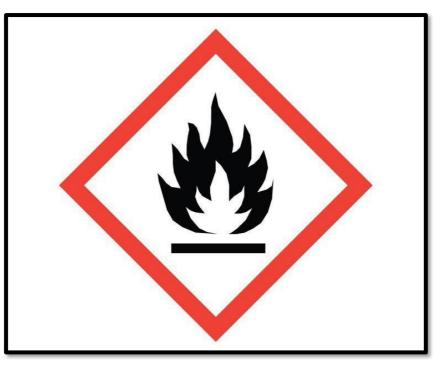
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## **FLAME**

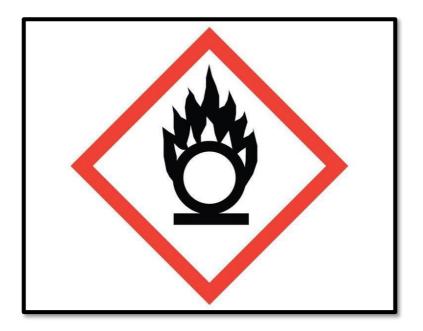


"These chemicals burn or can release gases that burn."

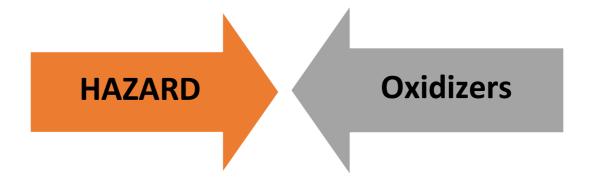




# **FLAME OVER CIRCLE**



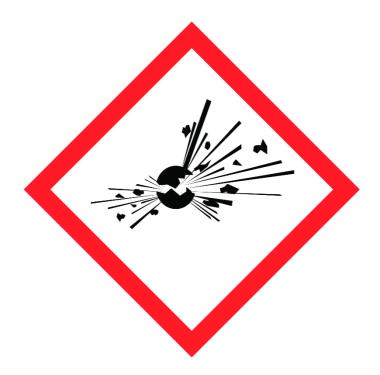
"These chemicals give off oxygen and can make a fire spread."



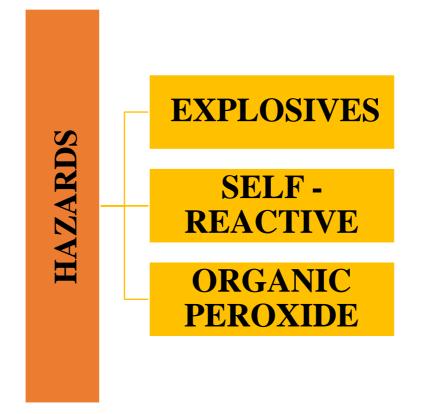
"Oxidizers are hazardous materials that can increase the risk of fire or explosion."



# **EXPLODING BOMB**



# "These chemicals can explode."

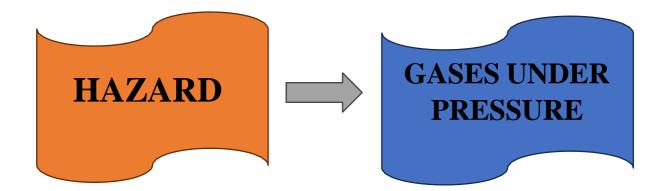




# **GAS CYLINDER**



"Gases and liquids under pressure can explode.""This pictogram is used for both pressurized gases and liquefied gases such as liquid nitrogen."



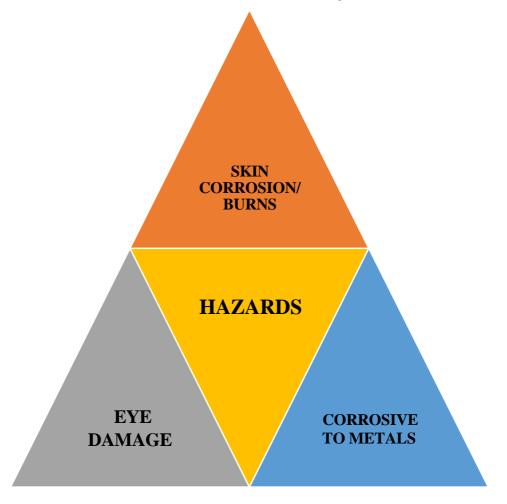


# **CORROSION**



"These chemicals cause permanent damage to skin or eyes."

"These chemicals destroy metals."





# **HEALTH HAZARDS**



"These chemicals cause serious health problems." "Some problems show up immediately, but some may show up much later."





## **SKULL & CROSS-BONE**



### "These chemicals are poisons that quickly cause sickness or death."

## "A toxin may attack one or more parts of the body, such as the liver, kidneys, nerves, lungs, skin, eyes, or bone."



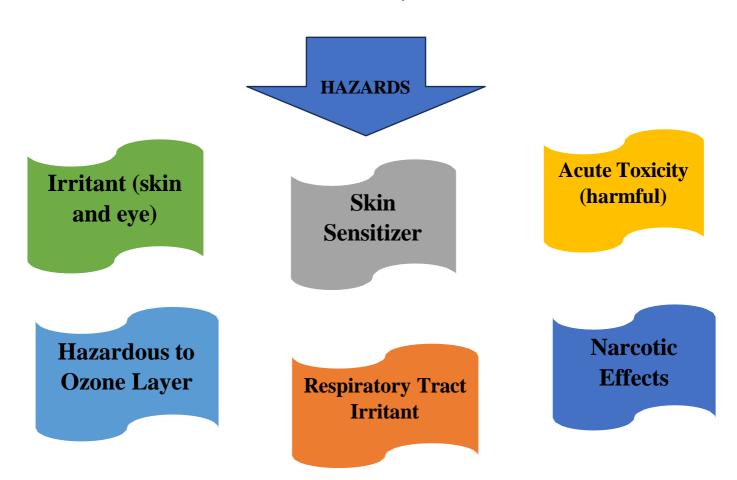


# **EXCLAMATION MARK**



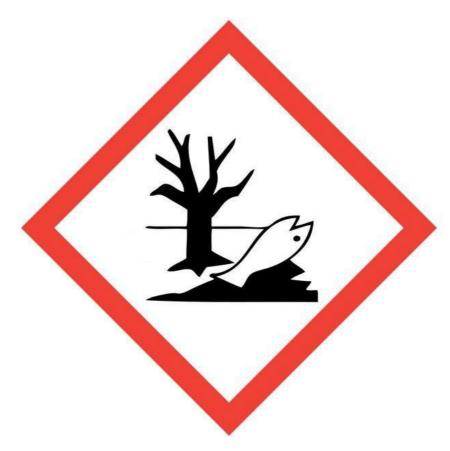
"These chemicals cause health problems. Usually less toxic than chemicals labelled with the Health Hazard or Skull and Cross-bone pictograms."

"This pictogram is also used for chemicals that can destroy the ozone layer."

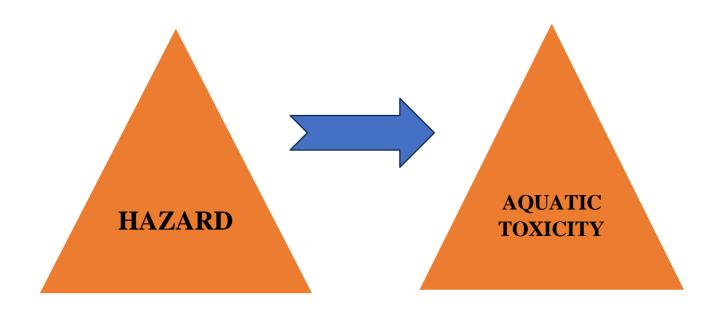




## **ENVIRONMENT**



# "These chemicals are dangerous if they get into rivers, lakes or oceans."





# <u>GHS Hazard Pictogram Codes (Globally</u> <u>Harmonized System)</u>

Pictogram Hazard Category GHS Code (Hazard Class)

Explosive : GHS01 (Class 1: Explosives)

Flammable: GHS02 (Class 2, 3, 4: Flammable gases, liquids, solids)

Oxidizing: GHS03 (Class 5: Oxidizers and organic peroxides)

Gases Under Pressure: GHS04 (Class 2: Compressed, liquefied, or dissolved gases)

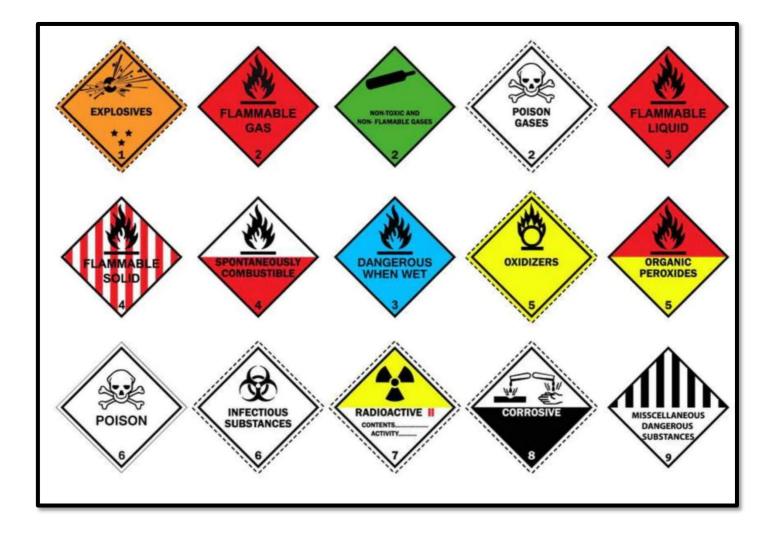
Corrosive: GHS05 (Class 8: Corrosive to skin, eyes, and metals)

Acute Toxicity: GHS06 (Class 6: Highly toxic substances)

Harmful / Irritant: GHS07 (Class 6: Irritants, sensitizers, acute toxicity)

Serious Health Hazard: GHS08 (Class 6: Carcinogens, mutagens, reproductive toxins)

Environmental Hazard: GHS09 (Class 9: Harmful to aquatic life)





# <u>UN Hazard Class Codes (United Nations</u> <u>Transport Codes)</u>

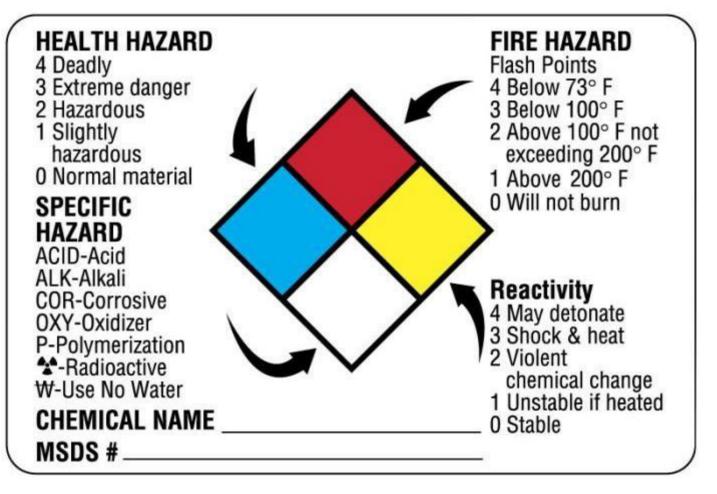
Class Code	Hazard Category	Description
Class 1	Explosives	Substances with explosion risk (e.g., TNT, fireworks).
Class 2	Gases	Flammable, toxic, or compressed gases (e.g., propane, chlorine).
Class 3	Flammable Liquids	Fuels, alcohols, and solvents (e.g., gasoline, ethanol).
Class 4	Flammable Solids	Easily combustible solids (e.g., sulfur, phosphorus).
Class 5	Oxidizing Agents & Peroxides	Oxygen-releasing substances (e.g., hydrogen peroxide).
Class 6	Toxic & Infectious Substances	Poisons and biohazards (e.g., cyanide, viruses).
Class 7	Radioactive Material	Nuclear and radiation hazards (e.g., uranium).
Class 8	Corrosives	Acidic and basic corrosive substances (e.g., sulfuric acid).
Class 9	Miscellaneous Dangerous Substances	Other hazardous materials (e.g., lithium batteries).





# NFPA Hazard Codes (National Fire Protection Association)

Color	Hazard Type	Scale (0-4, Increasing Hazard)	
🔴 Red	Flammability	0 (Non-flammable) $\rightarrow$ 4 (Highly flammable)	
Blue	Health Hazard	0 (No hazard) $\rightarrow$ 4 (Deadly)	
O Yellow	Reactivity	0 (Stable) $\rightarrow$ 4 (Explosive)	
🔿 White	Special Hazard	OX (Oxidizer), ACID, COR (Corrosive), W (Water Reactive)	



**"The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) uses a color-coded diamond to identify the hazards of a material.** 

This system is called NFPA 704 and is also known as the NFPA Hazard Diamond."



# ADR & IMDG Codes (Transport Regulations)

Code	Hazard Type	Transport Regulation
ADR 2.1	Flammable Gases	Road Transport
ADR 3	Flammable Liquids	Road Transport
IMDG 4.1	Flammable Solids	Maritime Transport
IMDG 8	Corrosives	Maritime Transport



#### "ADR and IMDG are regulations that govern the transport of dangerous goods by road and sea, respectively."

- International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road
- International Maritime Dangerous Goods Transport Code



# **Summary of Key Safety & Hazard Codes**

GHS Codes (GHS01 - GHS09)  $\rightarrow$  For labelling & classification

UN Codes (Class 1 - Class 9)  $\rightarrow$  For transport & handling

**NFPA Codes**  $(0-4) \rightarrow$  **Quick hazard identification** 

**ADR & IMDG Codes**  $\rightarrow$  **For road & sea transportation** 



"Knowing the hazard symbols isn't an option—it's a necessity."

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