

WORKPLACE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INFORMATION SYSTEM (W.H.M.I.S.)

What is W.H.M.I.S.?

W.H.M.I.S. is a legislated Canada-wide program designed to prevent the possibility of injuries and illness from exposure to hazardous products in the workplace.

Who manages the W.H.M.I.S. program?

The Superintendent will designate an individual to manage the program for Division schools and buildings.

Who is responsible for W.H.M.I.S. in the School?

The Principal is responsible for W.H.M.I.S. in the school. All persons who handle hazardous chemicals are responsible for W.H.M.I.S.

What hazardous products are under the W.H.M.I.S. program?

Hazardous products include a wide variety of chemicals. Products that are included as being hazardous are compressed gases, flammable and combustible materials, oxidizing material, poisonous and infectious material, corrosive material and dangerously reactive material.

What must be done to comply with W.H.M.I.S.?

W.H.M.I.S. has three main functions that MUST be met:

1. All hazardous products must be labeled showing the identity of the product, its health risks and information that a safety data sheet is available.
2. Each product must have a Material Safety Data Sheet (M.S.D.S.) explaining what the product is, how to handle it, and what to do in case of an emergency. These sheets are found in the Hazardous Product Information Centre in your school office.
3. To ensure school and office personnel have the required level of understanding of W.H.M.I.S., information videos will be available through the individual designated for W.H.M.I.S.

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What is the Hazardous Product Information Centre?

The Hazardous Product Information Centre is a white metal storage container hung on the wall in each administration office. It contains binders with specific information on all W.H.M.I.S. requirements. All persons in the school or office location have access to this information during normal hours of work.

KNOW YOUR W.H.M.I.S. - STAY HEALTHY

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