









Pictograms are symbols used to warn you about chemical hazards.

Pictogram Symbol	Pictogram Name	Hazards	General Meaning
	Flame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flammable • Pyrophoric • Self-heating • Emits Flammable Gas • Self-reactive • Organic peroxides 	These chemicals burn or can release gases that burn.
	Flame over Circle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxidizers 	These chemicals give off oxygen and can make a fire spread.
	Exploding Bomb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explosive • Self-reactive • Organic peroxide 	These chemicals can explode.
	Gas Cylinder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gases Under Pressure 	Gases and liquids under pressure can explode. This pictogram is used for both pressurized gases and liquefied gases such as liquid nitrogen.
	Corrosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin Corrosion/Burns • Eye Damage • Corrosive to Metals 	These chemicals cause permanent damage to skin or eyes. These chemicals destroy metals.
	Health Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcinogen • Mutagenicity • Reproductive Toxicity • Respiratory Sensitizer • Target Organ Toxicity • Aspiration Toxicity 	These chemicals cause serious health problems. Some problems show up immediately, but some may show up much later.
	Skull and Cross-bone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute Toxicity (fatal or toxic) 	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irritant (skin and eye) • Skin Sensitizer • Acute Toxicity (harmful) • Narcotic Effects • Respiratory Tract Irritant • Hazardous to Ozone Layer 	These chemicals cause health problems. Usually less toxic than chemicals labeled with the <i>Health Hazard</i> or <i>Skull and Cross-bone</i> pictograms. This pictogram is also used for chemicals that can destroy the ozone layer.
	Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Toxicity 	These chemicals are dangerous if they get into rivers, lakes or oceans.

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