

## What is WHMIS?

WHMIS is a short form for Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. It is a comprehensive plan for providing information on the safe use of hazardous materials used in Canadian workplaces. The purpose of WHMIS is to ensure that workers and employees have the information they need to work safely with hazardous materials at work sites. Information is provided by means of product labels, safety data sheets (SDS) and worker education programs. On February 11, 2015, the Government of Canada published in the Canada Gazette, Part II the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR), which, in addition to the amendments made to the Hazardous Products Act under the Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No.1, modified the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) 1988 to incorporate the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) for workplace chemicals.

This modified WHMIS is referred to as WHMIS 2015. The [REDACTED] Regulations (CPR) and the Ingredient Disclosure List have been repealed. While WHMIS 2015 includes new harmonized criteria for hazard classification and requirements for labels and safety data sheets (SDS), the roles and responsibilities for suppliers, employers and workers have not changed.

## Responsibilities under WHMIS

Suppliers, employers and workers all have responsibilities in the Hazardous Products Act.

**Suppliers:** Canadian suppliers are those who sell or import products. When this product is considered a hazardous product according to the WHMIS legislation, a supplier must label the product or container, and provide a safety data sheet (SDS) to their customers. The purpose of the labels is to clearly identify the contents of the hazardous material, and the SDS is to explain what those hazards are.

**Employers:** Employers are required to establish education and training programs for workers exposed to hazardous products in the workplace. Swab Master Ltd. offers WHMIS training to all employees in-house. Training may be completed online or on paper in the office. Employers must also make sure that the products are labelled and that an SDS is present for each product and that they are readily available to workers. At Swab Master SDS and WHMIS information are found in the shop, rigs, and on line at [www.swabmaster.com](http://www.swabmaster.com)

**Workers:** Workers are required to participate in the training programs and to use this information to help them work safely with hazardous materials. The Worker must fulfill these responsibilities:

- Know and understand the content required on supplier labels and workplace labels, including the requirement for information on the availability of an SDS
- Understand the significance of information on labels and other means of identification to worker health and safety
- Know the procedures that are indicated by information on these labels for the safe use, storage, handling, and disposal of hazardous products as well as the procedures to be followed if fugitive emissions are present or an emergency involving a hazardous product arises.

- Handle hazardous products in accordance with label and identifier alerts. Follow employer directives to avoid removing, defacing, or altering labels. Inform employers of illegible or missing labels and other means of identification.
- Inform the employer if the worker has inadequate information on a hazardous product or insufficient training on its storage, handling, use, or disposal to ensure worker health and safety
- Notify management when bringing in a new hazardous product and a copy of the SDS sheet provided needs to be sent to the office for distribution.
- Follow recommended procedures to protect self and others.

## Hazards

The main functions of the WHMIS Program are hazard identification and product classification. Hazard Classes: The Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) includes three types of hazard classes: physical hazard classes, which represent hazards relating to physical and chemical properties, such as flammability or compressed gases; health hazard classes, which represent hazards to health arising from exposure to a substance or mixture, such as acute toxicity or skin sensitization; and environmental hazard classes (hazardous to the aquatic environment and hazardous to the ozone layer).

Physical Hazards: The GHS physical hazard classes subdivide physical hazards in a manner that differs from the **Regulations (CPR)**; however, nearly all of the physical hazards that are covered in the CPR are addressed by the GHS physical hazard classes. All GHS physical hazard classes except the Explosives hazard class have been adopted in Canada by the **Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR)**. In addition, the following new physical hazard classes have been introduced in the HPR to enhance protections for workers: Combustible Dusts, Simple Asphyxiants, Pyrophoric Gases and Physical Hazards Not Otherwise Classified.

Health Hazards: The GHS health hazard classes subdivide health hazards in a manner that differs from the CPR; however, these classes address nearly all of the health hazards that are currently covered in the CPR and introduce some additional types of hazards that are not currently covered but would enhance protections for workers (for example, aspiration hazard). All GHS health hazard classes have been adopted in Canada by the HPR. The Biohazardous Infectious Materials hazard class (which is not a GHS health hazard class) has been retained in the HPR in order to maintain worker protection, and a new Health Hazards Not Otherwise Classified class has also been introduced.

Environmental Hazards: The GHS environmental hazard classes have not been adopted in the HPR.

### WHMIS 2015 Pictograms



### WHMIS 1988 Pictograms



## Labelling

The label on a hazardous product is the worker's first source of information about the hazards of the product. It provides workers with information on safe handling, storage and use of the hazardous product and how to protect them from adverse effects related to exposures to the product. The general concept of communicating the hazards of a product on a label and safety data sheet (SDS) through pictures and statements that convey messages about hazards, precautions and first aid measures remains the same under the new HPR. However, different pictograms and statements are required under the HPR than were required under the CPR.

There are two main kinds of WHMIS labels, supplier labels and work place labels. Other means of identification are used in special circumstances. The label applied to a container of a hazardous product must be prominently positioned on the part of the container that is displayed under normal conditions of storage and use.

Our SDS Binder and Workplace labels can be found at the Safety Station located outside the dispatch office door at the main shop. ALL SDS' are available at [www.swabmaster.com](http://www.swabmaster.com)



## Swab Master Ltd. Workplace Labels

Place these stickers on any secondary container of ALL chemicals / substances. Refer to the SDS when writing in the information. Place the sticker on a highly visible portion of the container – Cover it with clear tape to keep the information protected. Replace any time it is necessary, for example; faded information, adding new product to the container, etc...

A workplace label must:

- appear on all hazardous products produced in a workplace or transferred to other containers
- may appear in placard form on hazardous products received in bulk from a supplier
- Have the following information:
- product identifier (product name)
- information for the safe handling of the product
- statement that the SDS is available
- May contain the WHMIS hazard symbols or other pictograms.



## Safety Data Sheets (SDS)

Under the new GHS – Material Safety Data Sheets are now referred to as Safety Data Sheets. If you need to know more about a product than you can find on the label, go to the product's SDS. These sheets have more detailed information about a product's properties, its hazards, and how to prevent overexposure. It lists only the ingredients considered to be hazardous, along with their concentrations. The Supplier is to send a copy of the SDS with every hazardous product the employer buys. Any new hazardous product must have a SDS sheet sent to the office for distribution.

When Would You Use a SDS? Always be familiar with the hazards of a product BEFORE you start using it. You should look at a SDS, match the name of the chemical on your container to the one on the SDS, know the hazards, understand safe handling and storage instructions, as well as understand what to do in an emergency.

There are 16 Sections of an SDS

1. Identification
2. Hazard(s) Identification
3. Composition/information of ingredients
4. First – Aid Measures
5. Fire-Fighting Measures
6. Accidental Release Measures
7. Handling & Storage
8. Exposure Control/PPE
9. Physical / Chemical Properties
10. Stability & Reactivity
11. Toxicological Information
12. Ecological Information
13. Disposal Considerations
14. Transport Information
15. Regulatory Information
16. Other Information

## **Opportunity Reports**

This form is used to report, track and complete defects or faults. These reports are tracked by the coding on the bottom right hand side. Do not use duplicated forms. Safety issues, hazard identification, process errors, vehicle defects, vehicle maintenance needed, tool defects or maintenance, document errors, shop problems or training deficiencies should all be reported on this form. It is imperative that this form is submitted as soon as possible so follow up and correction of an issue can be completed in a timely manner. If you find a product with no label or SDS available, please fill out this form and submit it to the office.

## **WHMIS Checklist – BE PREPARED!**

### *Supplier Labels – Do You Know?*

- ✓ What each hazard symbol means?
- ✓ The main hazards of each product that you work with?
- ✓ What the label tells you about safety precautions?
- ✓ What first aid instructions are included?

*Workplace Labels – If chemical products are transferred to another container for use, does the new label have*

- ✓ The product name?
- ✓ Instructions for safe use?
- ✓ A reference to the SDS for more information?

*Safe Use – Do You know?*

- ✓ The proper procedures for handling the chemicals you work with?
- ✓ The proper procedures for storing the chemical?
- ✓ The proper procedures for using the chemical?
- ✓ The proper way to dispose of the chemical?
- ✓ That a hazardous product that arrives in your workplace without a proper label or SDS must be stored, and NOT used?

*SDSs – Do You Know?*

- ✓ Where the SDSs are located in the workplace?
- ✓ How to find the safety information you need from a SDS?
- ✓ Who to ask if you need more information?

*Emergency Procedures – Do you know what to do if something goes wrong?*

- ✓ How to sound the alarm?
- ✓ How to get out safely?
- ✓ Location of first aid equipment?
- ✓ Emergency phone numbers?
- ✓ Procedures to follow in case of a leak, spill or emissions?



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## Material Safety Data Sheet

### 1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Product Name: Spray Nine® 32 fl.oz  
Product Type: Multi-Purpose Germicidal Cleaner  
Item Number: 26832

### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Component	Weight%	ACGIH; TLV-TWA	OSHA PEL
ETHOXYLATED C9-C11 ALCOHOLS 68439-46-3	1-5	NA	NA
DIPROPYLENE GLYCOL MONONBUTYL ETHER 29911-28-2	1-5	NA	NA

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Effects of Acute Exposure: Product may cause reversible eye and skin irritation.  
May cause respiratory irritation

Primary Routes of Entry: Eyes, Skin, Inhalation

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: Overexposure may cause eye and skin redness. Irritating to mucous membranes. Ingestion may cause nausea and vomiting.

Aggravated Medical Condition: Preexisting eye, skin and respiratory disorders may be aggravated by overexposure to this product.

Chronic Health Hazard: None known

### 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Contact: Immediately flush with plenty of water. After initial flushing, remove any contact lenses and continue flushing for at least 15 minutes. Contact a physician if irritation persists.

Skin Contact: Flush with water. Wash off with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and launder before reuse. If skin irritation persists, call a physician.

Ingestion: If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting. Give victim water, call a physician immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

Inhalation: Move to fresh air. If symptoms persist, call a physician.

Notes to Physician: Treat symptomatically

### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flash Point °F(C°): 182°F/83°C TCC

Recommended Extinguishing Media: Carbon dioxide, Dry chemical, Foam

Special Fire-Fighting Procedures: Wear suitable protective equipment. Use water spray to cool exposed containers.  
Oxides of carbon, Oxides of nitrogen

Hazardous Products of Combustion: Does not sustain combustion (ASTM D4206).

Unusual Fire/Explosion Hazards: Sensitivity to static discharge is not expected

Sensitivity to Static Discharge:

**Product Name:** Spray Nine® 32 fl.oz

#### 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

<b>Mechanical Sensitivity:</b>	None reasonably foreseeable
<b>Lower Explosive Limit:</b>	Not determined
<b>Upper Explosive Limit:</b>	Not determined

#### 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Prevent from entering waterways or sewers. Contact the proper local authorities. Clean up spills thoroughly as residue is slippery.

#### 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Keep out of the reach of children. Keep containers tightly closed in a cool, well-ventilated place. Store below 100°F. Do not freeze.

#### 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

<b>Eyes:</b>	Safety glasses
<b>Skin:</b>	Chemical resistant gloves
<b>Ventilation:</b>	Use only in well ventilated area.
<b>Respiratory Protection:</b>	Not required under normal use

#### 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Appearance:</b>	Clear, colorless to slightly colored solution	<b>Odor:</b>	Citrus.
<b>Boiling Point:</b>	~212°F/~100°C	<b>Freezing Point:</b>	~32°F/ ~0°C
<b>pH:</b>	~12.4	<b>Solubility in Water:</b>	Completely soluble
<b>Specific Gravity:</b>	1.02 g/ml	<b>Vapor Pressure:</b>	~18 mm Hg
<b>Vapor Density (Air=1):</b>	>1	<b>% Volatile:</b>	~95
<b>VOC(Wt.%):</b>	<0.5%	<b>Evaporation Rate:</b>	<1 (butyl acetate = 1)

#### 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

<b>Chemical Stability:</b>	Stable
<b>Hazardous Polymerization:</b>	Will not occur.
<b>Incompatibilities:</b>	Strong oxidizers
<b>Conditions to Avoid:</b>	Avoid temperatures greater than 100°F. Freezing conditions.
<b>Hazardous Products of Combustion:</b>	Oxides of carbon, Oxides of nitrogen

#### 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

##### Product Toxicity

<b>Eyes:</b>	<b>Skin:</b>	<b>Inhalation LC50:</b>	<b>Oral LD50:</b>
Draize Test: 27.3 out of 110	Draize Test 2.5 out of 10 LD50: >5,000 mg/kg (Rat)	>200 g/L (Rat)	>5,000 mg/kg (Rat)

#### 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

No data available

#### 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Disposal should be made in accordance with federal, state and local regulations

#### 14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

##### U.S. Department of Transportation - DOT - 49 CFR (Ground)

<b>DOT Shipping Name:</b>	Not regulated
<b>Hazard Class:</b>	None
<b>UN/ID Number:</b>	None

##### TDG(Transport of Dangerous Goods) Canada

<b>Proper Shipping Name:</b>	Not regulated
<b>Hazard Class:</b>	None
<b>UN/ID No:</b>	None

#### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

<b>SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances:</b>	None
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**Product Name:** Spray Nine® 32 fl.oz

#### 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

**SARA 313 Toxic Chemicals:** None  
**SARA (311, 312) Hazard Class:** Acute health hazard

**TSCA Inventory Status:** All components of this product are listed (or exempt) on the EPA TSCA inventory.

**California Proposition 65:** No California Prop 65 chemicals are known to be present

**WHMIS Hazard Class:** Exempt

#### 16. OTHER INFORMATION

**Estimated HMIS Classification:**  
HEALTH 1, FLAMMABILITY 0, PHYSICAL HAZARD 0, PERSONAL PROTECTION B  
(HMIS is a registered trademark of the National Paint and Coatings Association)

**Estimated NFPA Rating:**  
HEALTH 1, FLAMMABILITY 0, REACTIVITY 0  
(NFPA is a registered trademark of the National Fire Protection Association)

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