

# GHS Hazard Communication — The 6 Required Label Elements

Every hazardous chemical container shipped or used in the workplace must carry these 6 label elements under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) aligned to the UN Globally Harmonized System (GHS). Missing any element = a citable violation.

**01****Product identifier**

The name or number used on the label that matches Section 1 of the Safety Data Sheet. Allows the user to cross-reference the SDS for the chemical in the container.

§1910.1200(f)(1)(i)

**02****Signal word**

Either "Danger" (for more severe hazard categories) or "Warning" (less severe). Only one signal word per label, even with multiple hazards — the most severe applicable category wins.

§1910.1200(f)(1)(ii)

**03****Hazard statement(s)**

Standardized phrases assigned to each hazard class and category that describe the nature of the hazard (e.g., "Causes serious eye damage," "Highly flammable liquid and vapor"). All applicable statements must appear on the label.

§1910.1200(f)(1)(iii)

**04****Pictogram(s)**

One or more of the 9 GHS pictograms: red diamond on white — health hazard, flame, flame over circle, exclamation mark, gas cylinder, corrosion, exploding bomb, skull & crossbones, and environment (non-mandatory in U.S.).

§1910.1200(f)(1)(iv)

**05****Precautionary statement(s)**

Standardized phrases describing recommended measures: prevention, response (first aid/fire), storage, and disposal (e.g., "Keep away from heat/sparks/open flames — No smoking"). Applies to each identified hazard.

§1910.1200(f)(1)(v)

**06****Supplier identification**

Name, address, and telephone number of the chemical manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party. Required so users can request additional information or report incidents.

§1910.1200(f)(1)(vi)

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