

Hazard Symbols

Chemistry

The GHS pictograms, and what each one requires of you.

GHS pictograms in common laboratory use.

Symbol	Means
Flame	Flammable
Flame over circle	Oxidising
Exploding bomb	Explosive
Gas cylinder	Compressed gas
Corrosion	Corrosive to skin, eyes or metal
Skull and crossbones	Acute toxicity
Exclamation mark	Irritant, harmful
Health hazard	Carcinogen, mutagen, respiratory sensitiser
Environment	Aquatic toxicity

The exclamation mark and the health hazard symbol are easily confused. The second indicates serious long-term effects.