

Labelling Chemical Containers

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This image reveals a highly disorganized collection of chemical containers, many of which are unlabeled, rusted, or leaking. Such poor practices significantly increase the risk of chemical exposure, fire, poisoning, or improper disposal. In workplaces and storage areas, all chemical containers must be clearly labeled with the substance name, hazard symbols, and safety instructions to comply with WHMIS (in Canada) or OSHA HazCom (in the U.S.).

Improper labelling can lead to dangerous mishandling, mixing of incompatible chemicals, and delayed emergency responses. Employers must enforce strict chemical labelling protocols and ensure containers are intact, legible, and securely closed. Workers should be trained to recognize hazard symbols and follow safe storage procedures. Regular audits and cleanups are essential to prevent hazardous incidents.