

# Hazard Symbols Glossary

Hazard symbols are used to warn us about the potential hazards of a substance.

Symbol	Meaning	Description
	corrosive	Could burn the skin and damage the eyes. Avoid breathing in vapours.
	explosive	May explode when dry or exposed to heat or flames.
	flammable	May catch fire when exposed to oxygen and a heat source.
	gas under pressure	Contains compressed, liquified or dissolved gas. May explode if heated.
	harmful to the environment	Could cause damage to animal and plant life if released into water systems.
	moderate health hazard	Contact with the skin, swallowing or inhalation may cause short-term health effects such as irritation, drowsiness or dizziness.
	oxidising	May cause or intensify a fire by increasing the concentration of oxygen in the air.
	serious health hazard	Long-term exposure may result in serious or prolonged health effects or death.
	acute toxicity	Short-term exposure, such as contact with skin, swallowing or inhalation, could cause illness or death.