



GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM

or, GHS, is a uniform system of classification and labeling of chemical products. The system was designed to improve the communication of chemical hazards in the workplace and is used internationally in the European Union and countries including Canada, China, and Australia. GHS uses pictograms and accompanying information to help differentiate between hazards. There are 9 pictograms in total, each of which contains valuable information about the hazards associated with each product. The pictograms are pictured below. The information can be found within the safety data sheet (SDS).

Nearly all jobs at the university work with chemical products. Graffiti removers, ethanol, and fertilizers are considered chemical products, as are Clorox wipes, multi-purpose cleaning spray, and white board cleaner. Knowing information about the products you work with is essential in safely performing the task. If you have questions about the products you work with, please speak with your supervisor or contact Environmental Health and Safety (EHS).



WHAT TO DO!

- Review SDS prior to work.
- Complete the Globally Harmonized System + Hazard Communication training. Talk to EHS for more information about training options.
- If there are additional questions, please ask your supervisor or Environmental Health and Safety!
- Always wear required PPE in accordance with the SDS, manufacturer directions, and university policy.
- In the event of a chemical spill call **UOPD** (541-346-2919), they will alert the EHS Manager on duty.
- In an emergency, call **911** and **UOPD** (541-346-2919) for immediate assistance.

