



## Signage

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### Why you should have signs

- They warn others in the workplace, and emergency services, that hazardous substances are present
- They help emergency services plan their response and select the right PPE in the case of an emergency

Even if you don't require hazardous substances signs, it is good practice to have them.

### When you must have signs

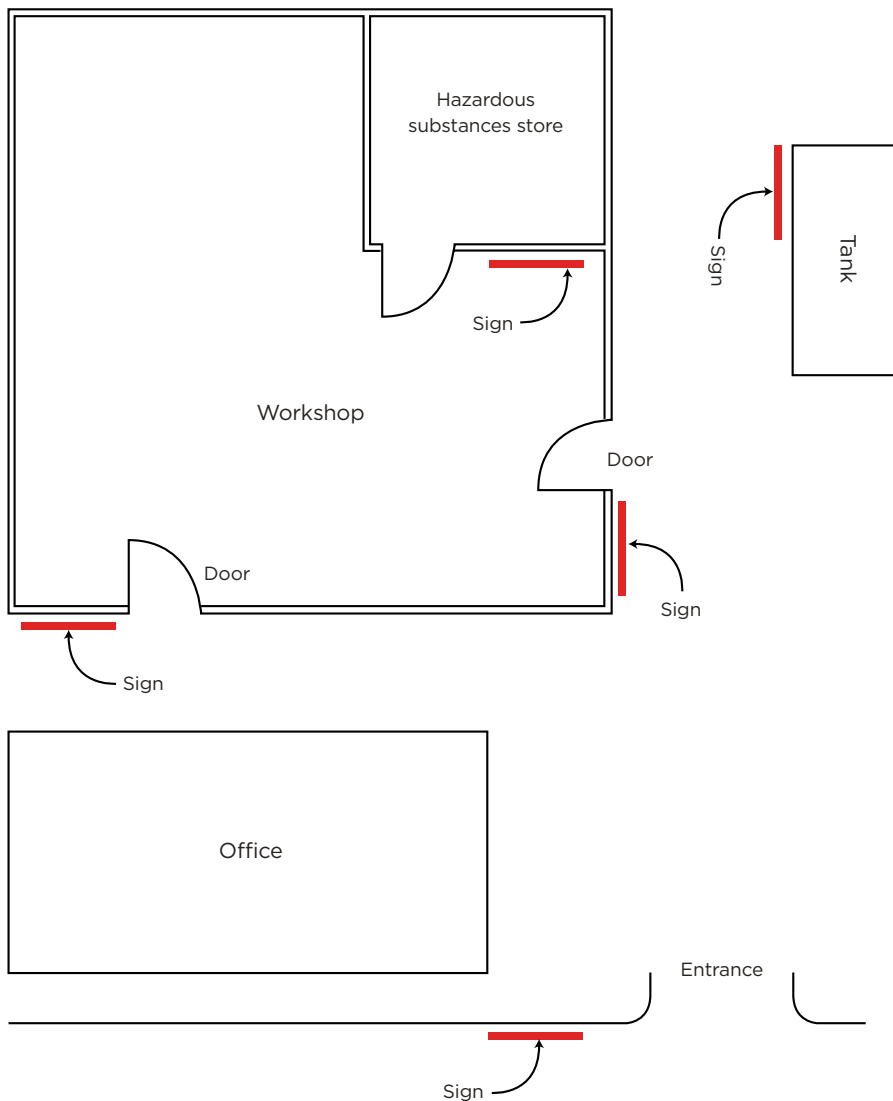
- You must have signs when you have hazardous substances over certain limits
- To check if you need signs, use the [Hazardous Substances calculator](#)

### What to put on the signs

- Signal the hazardous substances present. Use:
  - HAZCHEM for class 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 substances (which covers all agrichemicals)
  - EXPLOSIVE for all class 1 substances
- The type of hazard the substance(s) present. These should be [pictograms and hazard statements](#) consistent with the classification of the substance. For example:
  - **Toxic if swallowed or in contact with skin**
  - **May cause cancer**
  - **Highly flammable liquid and vapour**
  - **Toxic to aquatic life**
- What to do in an emergency. For example:
  - **Call a doctor if you feel unwell**
  - **In case of poisoning, call 111 and ask for an ambulance**
  - **In case of fire, raise the alarm, evacuate the area and call 111 to ask for the fire service**

### Where to put signs

- at the property entrance(s) - vehicular and pedestrian - if there are hazardous substances anywhere on the property
- at the building entrance(s) where there are hazardous substances in the building
- at the room entrance where there are hazardous substances in the room
- next to any outdoor storage area



**FIGURE 1:**  
Where signs should be placed at a site

### Don't put signs

- where they can be hidden or covered
- besides doors or gates that could cover them when opened
- above doors
- where smoke could conceal them

### Make sure your signs

- are easily seen and big enough to be read at 10m under varying conditions, for example, rain and poor light
- use simple language and pictograms
- are made materials that won't fade or deteriorate



For more detailed information on making an inventory

#### The regulations

[Regulation 2.6, Health and Safety at Work \(Hazardous Substances\) Regulations 2017](#)

#### The guidance

[Managing your hazardous substances - signs](#)