

## WHMIS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System) uses classifications to group chemicals with similar properties or hazards. The **Controlled Products** Regulations specifies the criteria used to place materials within each classification. There are six (6) classes although several classes have divisions or subdivisions. Each class has a specific symbol to help people identify the hazard quickly.

The classes are:



Class A - Compressed Gas



Class B - Flammable and Combustible Material

Division 1: Flammable Gas

Division 2: Flammable Liquid

Division 3: Combustible Liquid

Division 4: Flammable Solid

Division 5: Flammable Aerosol

Division 6: Reactive Flammable Material



Class C - Oxidizing Material

Class D - Poisonous and Infectious Material



Division 1: Materials causing immediate and serious toxic effects

Subdivision A: Very toxic material

Subdivision B: Toxic material



Division 2: Materials causing other toxic effects

Subdivision A: Very toxic material

Subdivision B: Toxic material



Division 3: Biohazardous Infection Material



Class E - Corrosive material



Class F - Dangerously reactive material