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# Hazard Symbols



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Many **household products** can be dangerous if they are not used carefully.

Dangerous household products have warning signs, or **hazard** symbols, to help keep us safe.





### Did You Know?

Many children have to go to the health centre because of poisoning from unsafe household products.



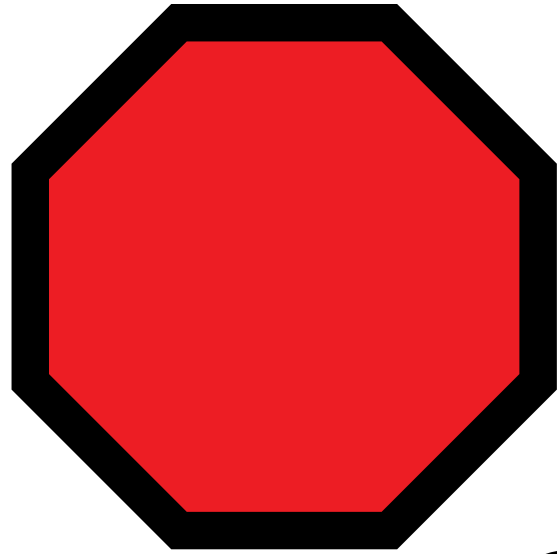
Hazard symbols tell us why some products are dangerous.

All hazard symbols have two parts. The first part is a picture, and the second part is a **frame**.

The picture shows the type of hazard.

Hazard symbols have an **octagon** frame or a triangle frame.





An octagon frame means that the contents of the **container** are dangerous.

A triangle frame means the container itself is dangerous.

This hazard symbol means explosive.

This hazard symbol warns that the container can explode if it is heated or **punctured**.



**Did You Know?**

Spray paint or other items in an **aerosol container** are explosive.

## Did You Know?

Toilet bowl cleaner and some other cleaners are corrosive.



This hazard symbol means **corrosive**.

This hazard symbol warns that the product can burn, sting, or hurt our skin, eyes, throat, and stomach.

Did You Know?

Gasoline is flammable.

This hazard symbol means **flammable**.

This hazard symbol warns that the product can catch fire very easily.



## Did You Know?

Bleach is toxic.  
We use bleach  
for cleaning and  
sometimes for  
laundry.



This hazard symbol means toxic or poison.

This hazard symbol warns that eating, drinking, licking, or even smelling this product can make someone very sick or kill someone.

Never use products with hazard symbols without an adult's help.

Always look for hazard symbols and stay safe!



## Glossary

**aerosol container:** a container that releases a substance in a fine spray.

**container:** an object that holds something else.

**corrosive:** a substance that can burn or destroy something.

**flammable:** easily set on fire.

**frame:** a basic outline that surrounds a hazard picture.

**hazards:** dangers or risks.

**household products:** things often found around the house, such as cleaners and soaps.

**octagon:** a shape with eight equal sides.

**punctured:** having a small hole made in it.

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