

Glossary

Biological Hazards : Biological agents are living things, or products of living things, that can cause illness and disease in humans. Biological agents include viruses, bacteria and fungi, as well as parasitic worms and some plants.

Falls : Falls usually happen when your body movements shift your body too far away from your centre of balance. Any slip or trip can end up in a fall.

Labels : All hazardous or controlled products must carry labels that clearly identify the product and provide hazard information about it. The label must indicate whether a workplace MSDS (see below) is available in the workplace.

Chemical Hazards : Most people automatically associate chemicals with scientists in laboratories, but chemicals are also found in many of the products we use at work and at home.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) : An MSDS must be provided for every controlled product in your workplace. The MSDS provides much more detailed information than a label.

Hazard :A hazard is a situation that poses a level of threat to life, health, property, or environment. Most hazards are dormant or potential, with only a theoretical risk of harm; however, once a hazard becomes "active", it can create an emergency situation.