

SAFETY TALK

Labeling Potential Hazards in Healthcare Facilities

Health PEI is committed to maintaining a safe work environment and to protect all Healthcare Workers. One critical aspect of maintaining a safe workplace is identifying and labeling potential hazards.



Benefits of Labeling Hazards

Proper labeling of hazards:

- Warns staff of potential dangers, reducing accidents and injuries (slip, trip, and falls)
- Enhances visibility of hazards, especially in low-light areas
- Ensures compliance with regulatory requirements and standards
- Promotes a culture of safety and accountability
- Facilitates efficient evacuation and emergency response

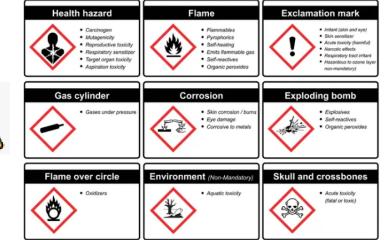


Sources: Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) Health Canada) WCB of PEI SafetyCulture.com

Common Hazards to Label

Critical areas and hazards to focus on:

- Slippery floors (e.g., wet, oily, or icy)
- Blocked doors, corridors, or stairways
- Low lighting areas (e.g., stairwells, storage rooms)
- Unsecured heavy objects or equipment
- Electrical or hazardous materials storage



Safety is everyone's responsibility!

FACILITY:

SAFETY TALK LEAD BY:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

WHAT ARE SOME COMMON HAZARDS IN OUR HEALTHCARE FACILITY THAT NEED TO BE LABELLED?

CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU ENCOUNTERED A HAZARD IN THE WORKPLACE THAT WAS NOT PROPERLY LA-BELLED?

WHAT STEPS CAN WE TAKE AS A TEAM TO IMPROVE HAZARD LABELLING IN OUR WORKPLACES?

EMPLOYEE CONCERNS & IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENT:	EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

FOLLOW UP ON CONCERNS:

If you have any feedback on the Safety Talks program or a suggestion for a Safety Talk, please contact a member of the Wellness & Safety Team or email <u>healthpeihr@ihis.org</u>.

Safety Talks can be found on the Staff Resource Centre at: <u>https://src.healthpei.ca/safety-talks</u>