

# Safety Talk: Know your signs

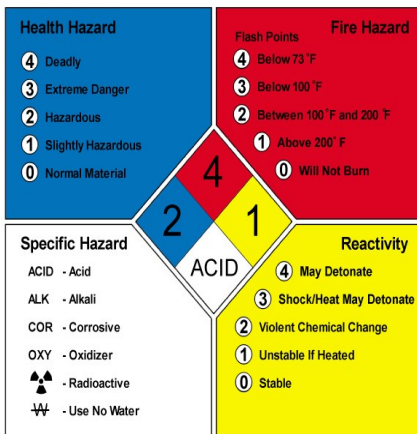


National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) & Hazardous Material Identification System (HMIS) are often misunderstood.

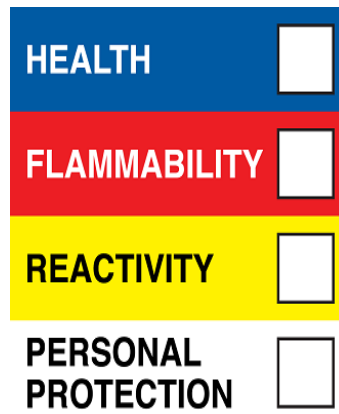
- NFPA Diamond is to aid emergency responders by identifying hazardous material.
- The HMIS is designed to convey health warnings to those who handle the hazardous material.

Other signs you will see:

## NFPA HAZMAT DIAMOND



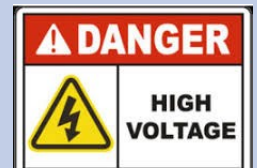
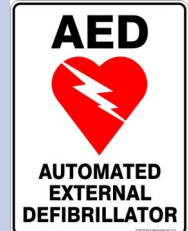
## HMIS



### HMIS Classifications

- 4 – Severe Hazard
- 3 – Serious Hazard
- 2 – Moderate Hazard
- 1 – Slight Hazard

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| <b>F</b>                  | <b>X</b> Ask your supervisor for special handling instructions. |



## The color of signs:

Most signs are color coordinated, with each color representing a specific type of warning.

| DANGER | WARNING | CAUTION | EMERGENCY | NOTICE |
|--------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|
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Red indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

Orange indicates a potentially hazardous situation that could result in death or serious injury.

Yellow indicates a potentially hazardous situation which may result in minor or moderate injury.

Green is used for the identification of safety equipment, first aid, or emergency egress locations.

Blue is the color used to communicate safety information.

Examples:

