



WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY COMPLIANCE

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM LABELS (HMIS)

Products purchased for use at the College may be labeled according to the HMIS system. This system provides easy to understand information concerning the hazards of the product. The below describes what the information on the label means.



Color Coded Sections

- Blue:** Used to communicate health hazards.
- Red:** Used to communicate the products flammability
- Orange:** Used to communicate other physical hazards (i.e. explosive, reactive, instability)
- White:** Used to communicate the PPE (i.e. gloves, goggles Etc...) required when using the product

THE BLUE, RED AND ORANGE SECTIONS WILL CONTAIN A NUMBER THAT INDICATES THE HAZARD SEVERITY

- 0 = minor hazard
- 1 = slight hazard
- 2 = moderate hazard
- 3 = serious hazard
- 4 = severe hazard

The white section of the label contains a letter associated with PPE recommended to be used in conjunction with the product.

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| A = #1 | G = #1,#7,#5 |
| B = #1,#7 | H = #1,#7,#3,#5 |
| C = #1,#7,#3 | I = #1,#7,#5 |
| D = #2,#7,#3 | J = #1,#7,#3,#5 |
| E = #1,#7,#4 | K = #6,#7,#9,#8 |
| F = #1,#7,#3,#4 | X = Ask your Supervisor. Requires specific handling. |

