

WHMIS Exemptions – Quick Reference

Purpose: Identify product categories excluded from WHMIS labelling and SDS requirements under the federal Hazardous Products Act/Regulations, as applied in BC workplaces through WorkSafeBC enforcement. Excluded categories are listed below.

***Note, if you are using any of these substances in mass quantities, they may not be excluded (ie, a gallon of bleach is excluded, 500 gallons is not)**

Consumer Products

- Whiteboard cleaners (consumer-grade)
- Household-type disinfectant wipes
- Dish soap, hand soap (consumer packaging)
- Craft adhesives (glue sticks, white glue)
- Markers, crayons, correction fluid
- Aerosol air fresheners
- Retail-purchased cleaners in small quantities

Pest Control Products

- Ant bait traps
- Wasp spray used outdoors by facilities
- Fruit-fly traps
- Rodent bait stations (PCP-labelled)

Drugs with DIN

- EpiPens
- Hydrocortisone or antibiotic ointments
- Alcohol wipes
- Antiseptic sprays in first-aid kits

Food & Additives

- Cafeteria ingredients (oil, flour, spices)
- Vinegar, baking soda for classroom experiments
- Food colouring
- Sugar, salt

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Cosmetics

- Hand soap
- Hand sanitizer (consumer-labelled)
- Lotion for dry skin
- Sunscreen used outdoors

Explosives

- Contractor-handled fireworks for events

Radioactive Materials

- Legacy science demonstration discs (if present)
- Old static electricity demonstration devices

Manufactured Articles

- Whiteboard markers, pens, pencils
- Scissors, staplers, tape dispensers
- Desks, chairs, lockers
- Electronics: laptops, Chromebooks, projectors
- Sports equipment: balls, rackets, helmets

Wood & Tobacco

- Lumber for woodworking
- Wooden furniture

Hazardous Waste

- Used solvent in tech-ed
- Spent acid/base from labs
- Old paint or stain disposal