Hazard Communication

Purpose
To inform employees, contractors, or contract/temporary employees regarding the hazards of substances with which they work, and the methods with which to protect themselves from those hazards.

Labels
Manufacturer
Labels supplied by manufacturers, importers, distributors, or other responsible parties must include:
– Identification of the hazardous contents.
– Appropriate hazard warning.
– Name and address of the responsible party which can answer questions regarding the product.

In-House
All In-House Labels will contain:
– Identification of the hazardous material.

Optional Information:
– Appropriate hazard warnings.
– Appropriate PPE requirements.

The HMIS System

The HMIS system consists of a square or rectangular label. Three color panels are used:
– Blue = Health
– Red = Fire
– Yellow = Reactivity
– Additional Section = PPE

A number system ranging from 0 to 4 describes the severity of the hazard:
– 4 indicates a severe hazard, 3 indicates serious hazard
– 2 indicates moderate hazard, 1 indicates slight hazard
– 0 indicates minimal hazard

Access to MSDSs
• All Edgewood College employees have access to the MSDSs.
• MSDS binders are located
  – Science Labs
  – Art Dept.
  – EHSR Office, Sonderegger 113B