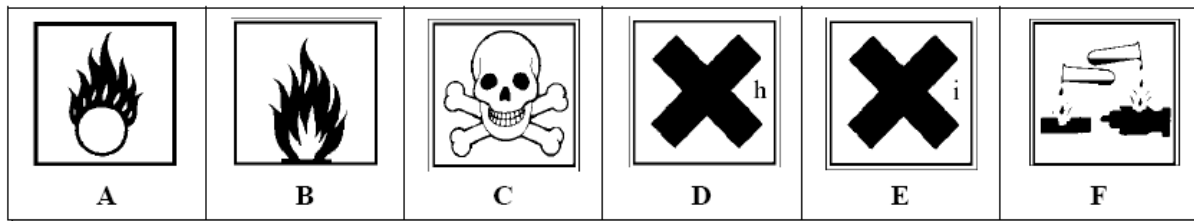


RECOGNISING HAZARD SYMBOLS ON HOUSEHOLD & GARDEN PRODUCTS

1. The table below shows six of the standard hazard symbols used to label chemicals.



a) Match each symbol to the correct meaning from the list in the box on the right. For example, if you think the first symbol means **flammable**, write down **A – flammable**.

- Corrosive
- Flammable
- Harmful
- Irritant
- Oxidising
- Toxic

b) You may also see other warning symbols such as ! on products or the words Danger, Warning or Caution.

Danger is the strongest signal word – used on products that could cause serious harm to you, cause blindness or even death. Danger is also used on products that could explode if they get hot.

Warning is less strong than Danger but still means that you could get really sick or become seriously hurt. Warning is also used to identify products that can easily catch on fire.

Caution shows that the product could hurt you but is less harmful than the above. Caution is used on products that could bother your skin, make you sick if you breathed the fumes or really hurt if it got in your eyes.

Look at the products on the table and see if you can find the warning symbols or signal words. Write or draw in the boxes the warning symbols or words you find on the products

| | | | |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| Spray Enamel | | Deodorant | |
| Nail Varnish remover | | Oven Cleaner | |
| Glue | | Hair Mousse | |
| Slug Pellets | | Indigestion Tablets | |
| Perfume | | Vitamin Pills | |
| Laundry detergent | | Cough Medicine | |
| Calamine Lotion | | Bleach | |

Which product therefore do you think is least harmful and which most harmful?

During 2002, in the UK, how many children aged under 15 went to hospital after suspected poisoning?

- a) 31
- b) 315
- c) 3150
- d) 31,500

Please tick which you think it is.

What is the main cause of suspected poisoning in the bathroom?

- a) Medicines
- b) Aromatherapy oils
- c) Bleach and toilet cleaner left by the side of the toilet?

Do you think a Child Resistant container is 'Child Proof'

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) No, but only if the top has not been fastened properly.

Which of the following do you think is also potentially poisonous? Tick as many as you think.

Alcohol
Cigarettes
Drugs
Wild berries
Some household plants
Some garden plants
Dog Flea powder
Floor Cleaners
Weed killer
Wasp Killer
Hairspray
Aromatherapy Oils



AND THE MORAL OF THE STORY IS...TO PREVENT THIS:-

- ☺ BE SAFE – ALWAYS READ THE LABELS AND USE ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS.
- ☺ KEEP DANGEROUS ITEMS WITH LIDS TIGHTLY ON IN ORIGINAL BOTTLES AT THE TOP OF CUPBOARDS OR IN A LOCKED CUPBOARD AWAY FROM YOUNG CHILDREN.
- ☺ NEVER EAT ANYTHING THAT YOU DON'T KNOW THE ORIGINS OF!