



# Toolbox Talk — Instructor Guide for Hair Stylists

## WHMIS Topic Overview

Many chemicals used in hair salons can cause conditions ranging from minor skin irritation to serious injury and disease. If workers are expected to work with hazardous materials, their employer is required to inform them that the materials are hazardous and train the workers in their safe use.

All NT and NU workplaces that use materials identified as hazardous (“controlled products”) by the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) are required to follow the WHMIS system. The system uses consistent labelling to help workers recognize hazardous materials. The system and labels provide specific information on handling, storing, disposing, and 1st aid procedures of hazardous materials.

## Demonstration and Discussion Topics

- Discuss** hazardous materials to which hair stylists may be exposed, including hair dyes, permanent wave solutions, and cleaning agents.
- Tour the shop** with the students, pointing out these hazards.
- Distribute** the student handout.
- Use** the student handout as your discussion guide.
- Explain** what the WHMIS system is.
- Discuss** how the WHMIS system is designed to protect workers.
- Review** the list of 4 questions, reminding students that they need to understand safety issues before they start work, and that it is okay to ask questions if they don't understand something or they need a reminder.

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