

Ready or Not, Here Come the WHMIS Inspectors

Starting October 1, federal OHS inspectors will be visiting workplaces across the country to check for compliance with the new GHS/WHMIS requirements.

The 3 Things Inspectors Will Be Looking For

The deadline for employers to comply with the new rules is December 31, they are more about helping employers comply than catching them for doing something wrong. But you can still get fined if you don't have the goods the feds are looking for, namely documentation showing that:

1. You've provided adequate GHS training to your workers;
2. Your WHMIS labels meet *either* current WHMIS label requirements *or* GHS standards; and
3. You have *either* a WHMIS-compliant MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) *or* GHS compliant SDS (Safety Data Sheet - they've dropped the "M") for each controlled product used, processed or stored at your workplace.

Once December 1, 2018 rolls around, the old fangled WHMIS label and MSDS will no longer be acceptable and only GHS labels and SDSs will do.

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