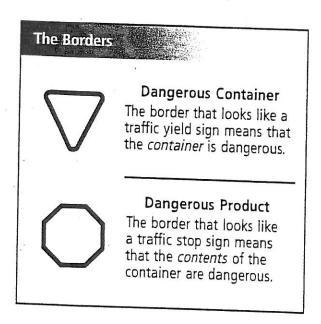
WHMIS Symbols (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System)

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Other Safety Hazard Symbols

Many products ranging from household cleaners to spray paints are labelled with another type of safety hazard symbol (Figure 1.5). You may have noticed these symbols on products used at home in the laundry room or with garden equipment. Each hazard symbol provides two kinds of warnings:

- whether the hazard is the container or its contents, shown by the shape of the border
- the type of hazard—explosive, corrosive, flammable, or poisonous—shown by an image at the centre of the symbol



The Hazards

Explosive



This symbol means that the container can explode. If it is punctured or heated, pieces can cause serious injuries, especially to the eyes.



Flammable

This symbol means that the product will catch on fire easily if it is near sparks, flames, or even heat.



Corrosive

This symbol means that the product inside the container will burn the throat or stomach if swallowed and will burn skin or eyes on contact.



Poisonous

This symbol means that the product will cause illness or death if you eat or drink it. For some products, just smelling or licking them is enough to cause serious harm.

Figure 1.5 Watch for these symbols on products you use at home as well as those you see in the lab.