

# The CLP-GHS Signal Word

## Signal Words

The Signal Word describes the overall hazard of the product

There are two Signal Words:

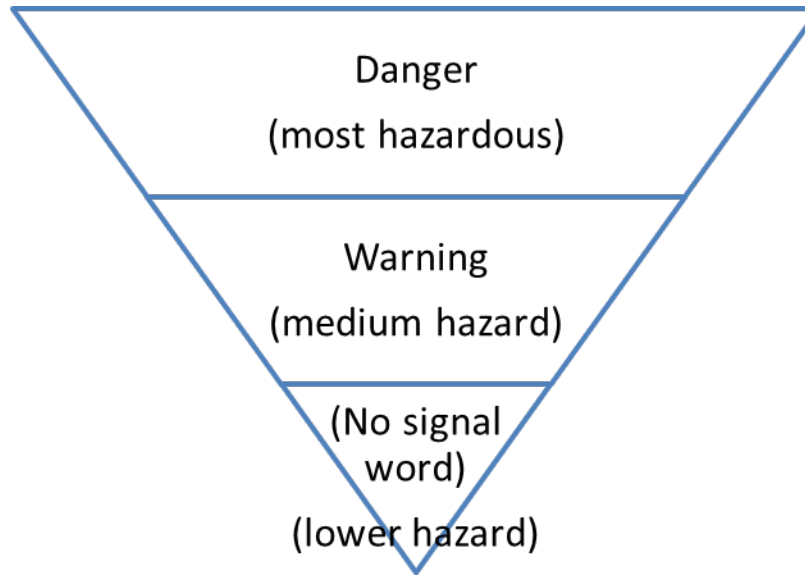
**Danger**  
**Warning**

You can also have no signal word on the label.

The Signal Word is:

- Part of the labelling information for GHS
- Has been fully adopted into CLP
- Is generated from each hazard classification
- One Signal Word is used per product, see diagram

## Signal Word Hierarchy



**One Signal Word per product.**

**You cannot use the text “No signal word” on the label, if no signal word applies.**

You can use this text on the Safety Data Sheet in Section 2.2 to avoid ambiguity.

## Before GHS

In the EU under CHIP we had Indications of Danger:

- A single letter, indicating the hazard type, e.g. F, T, C etc
- Sometimes with a plus sign, to indicate that the hazard was particularly severe

Only the most severe physical hazard and the most severe health hazard Indications of Danger were placed on the product label.

Now, the Signal Word:

- Gives overall hazard severity
- Does not tell you which hazard type is the most severe

**This is less information for emergency response than under CHIP**