The NFPA 704 diamond is a standard used to warn firefighters and other emergency responders of the hazards they would be exposed to in a fire or chemical spill situation. This diamond symbol may be seen anywhere a chemical is being stored, transported, or used. For example, if a truck or train is transporting chemicals, you may see the NFPA diamond. Take note of your building or work area, if there are chemicals around make sure a NFPA diamond is posted and know how to interpret it.

The colors indicate the type of hazard and the numbers indicate the degree of hazard. If you need assistance in understanding the meaning of these labels, please contact the SOSC IH intern.