### **Introduction: Definitions and concepts**

**Risk:**- A combination of the probability of occurrence of harm (injury, illness, ... death, damage etc) and the severity of that harm.

#### 1- Hazard

:- A source, situation, or act with a potential for causing harm. At workplace categorized: Physical, Chemical and Biological

#### 1- Chemical:-

a- Smoke. b- Toxic material.

#### 2- Physical:-

**a-**Moving road tankers. b- Noise.

## 3-Biological:-

a-Toxicological lab.

✤ Biohazard:- The potential source of harm caused by biological agents or toxins

✤ Biosafety:-The set of containment principles, technologies and practices that are .

. to prevent exposure to biological agents . and toxins, or . their accidental release.

✤ Biosecurity:-The set of measures taken to limit the threat posed by sudden .

# Laboratory safety symbols and hazard signs:. A-Laboratory safety symbols:-

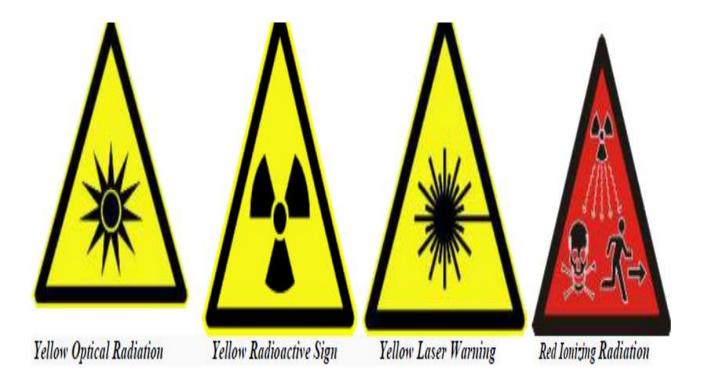
**1-** Green Eyewash Sign:- this sign to indicate the location of an eyewash station.



2-Green First Aid Sign:- Lab Safety Signs Use this symbol to identify the location of a first aid station.



**3-Radiation Symbol:-** This radiation symbol it is easy to recognize the significance of the symbol.



Blue Respiratory Protection:- This sign tells you respiratory protection is required



**5-** Blue Gloves:- This sign means you need to wear gloves or other hand protection.

6-Blue Protective Clothing:- This symbol indicates mandatory use of protective clothing



**B- Hazard Symbols :-**

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**1-Health Hazard:** A cancer-causing agent (carcinogen) or toxicity substance to respiratory system, reproductive system and organs.



**2-Flame**: Flammable materials or substances liable to self-ignite when exposed to water or air (pyrophoric).



3- Gas Cylinder: Gases stored under pressure, such as ammonia or liquid nitrogen.



4- Corrosion: Materials causing skin corrosion/burns or eye damage on contact.



5- Flame Over Circle: Identifies oxidizers. Oxidizers are chemicals that facilitate burning or make fires burn hotter and longer.



6- **Skull and Crossbones:** Substances, such as poisons and highly concentrated acids, which have an immediate and severe toxic effect (acute toxicity).



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