

Chemicals - Managing Them Safely (COSHH)

(COSHH = Control of Substances Hazardous to Health)

The Company only authorises employees to use, handle, store or otherwise come into contact with substances or chemicals at work which are specified in the Company's COSHH Assessment Manual.

All premises have been issued with a specific COSHH Manual which outlines the general provisions of the Regulations, general safety requirements when handling hazardous substances, preventative measures to be taken etc. The Manual must also contain manufacturer's safety data sheets and COSHH Assessments for products used within the premises.

Remember, COSHH covers all substances which may be hazardous to health and will include some aerosols, paints, turpentine etc.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

Applying the simple following rules should ensure safety in the use of these substances:

- * Always read instructions on container labels e.g. if the substance should only be used in well-ventilated areas do not use in confined or poorly ventilated areas;
- * Do not mix substances unless the manufacturer indicates that it is safe to do so;
- * Do not keep substances in unmarked and unlabelled containers. Ensure every such container is clearly labelled;
- * Do not decant chemicals into containers used for drink, food or play items;
- * Clean spillages up immediately. Do not leave spillages unattended where there is a risk to others. One team member should remain by the spillage to warn people whilst sending another team member to fetch a warning sign and cleaning implements;

This policy was agreed by the management team during: April 2017