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THE EMPTEEZY GUIDE TO COSHH REGULATIONS



EXPLORE OUR COSHH CABINETS

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS &
FIRE RATED PRODUCTS



WHY IS COSHH IMPORTANT?

The law requires that employers ensure substances that could affect health are handled correctly. This is known as the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH). The regulations provide advice on:

- Identifying health hazards
- Providing control measures
- Offering education & training for employees
- Emergency planning
- Undertaking risk assessments
- Ensuring control measures are adequate

Whilst it can be easy to identify harmful substances such as chemicals, often more common items such as paint, bleach or even dust can pose harm. That makes **COSHH** important - it is imperative we all ensure proper precautions are taken with the relevant substances. The Health and Safety Executive's full **COSHH** regulations can be accessed here >>

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COSHH SUBSTANCES LIST

COSHH covers a wide range of substances including, but not limited to:



CHEMICALS



DUST



FUMES OR VAPOURS



DISEASE-CAUSING GERMS



BIO-AGENTS

COSHH STORAGE REGULATIONS

COSHH30/18



COSHH18/18



COSHH72/36

What is a COSHH Cabinet?

A **COSHH** cabinet can be used in a multitude of industries (automotive, pharmaceutical, aerospace, transport etc...) to provide safe storage of any substance that could be potentially hazardous. Our COSHH cabinets fully comply with COSHH requirements and, as they can be securely locked, ensure control over access - materials remaining safe when not in use.

You must ensure any substances stored have their storage instructions strictly followed. This can include checking for potential chemical reactions, disposing correctly of out of date materials and adhering to the amount of certain substances that can be kept in one place. The safety data sheet should always be referenced for information about each substance.

COSHH CONTROL MEASURES

Identify the substance and its risk



Ask yourself...

HAZARD CHECKLIST

- Is there a warning label on the product in question?
- Could the product be harmful if inhaled?
- Could it cause harm to skin?
- Could the product mix with substances if it was spilled or leaked?
- Could the way the product is used cause harm to employees?



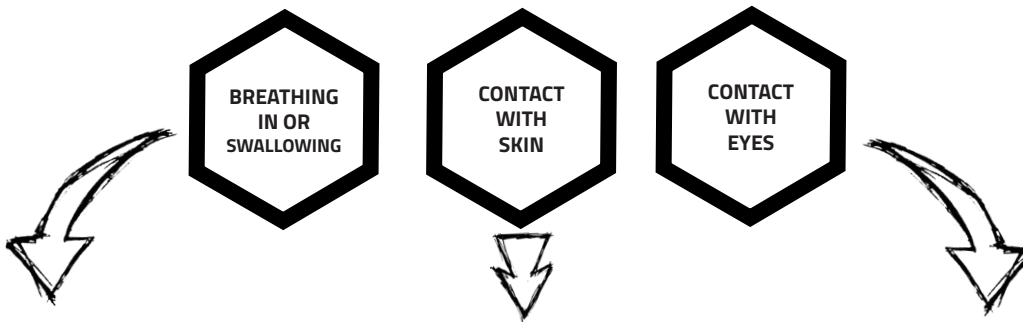
SAFETY DATA SHEETS

Always take notice of the warning symbol(s) on the packaging/container, which will indicate whether the product is toxic, harmful, highly flammable, corrosive etc.

Please note: Harmful products can include "day-to-day" items, e.g. bleach. Safety data sheets will provide good easy to read information about each of the products and should be readily accessible to all staff.



Think about how employees might be exposed



If an individual happens to breathe in a hazardous substance, it can affect the respiratory system and internal organs. Ingesting hazardous substances can be easier than you think, always remember to wear the appropriate PPE and wash hands thoroughly before eating.

Hazardous substances have the potential to damage skin whilst others can permeate causing injury to internal organs. Contamination can be caused by coming into direct contact with a substance, by airborne substances landing on the skin or by touching a contaminated surface.

Hazardous substances can come into contact with the eyes via a splash of fluid or vapours/dust etc. You can help reduce the risk by wearing the appropriate PPE when working with and in areas that contain a hazardous substance.

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT
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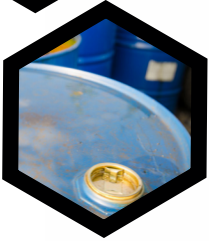


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Create a control procedure



A suitable control procedure should outline the correct equipment and procedures to be followed when using any hazardous materials.



A full risk assessment must be made for the area and process to be undertaken and a method statement made available. Safe working procedures must be documented and full training given to anyone who will work in the area.

Example:

Substance: Fumes from welding.
Equipment: Ventilated welding helmet, gloves, welding face extraction.
Way of working: Ensure all equipment has been tested and is working correctly, including filters and appropriate PPE is worn.



Ensure staff have the appropriate training, skills and equipment to work in areas that have been identified as needing to use hazardous substances or will create a hazardous environment.



CONTROL MEASURE CHECKLIST

Can you:

- Change your process to eliminate use of harmful products?
- Switch to a safer type of the product
- Change the process to emit less of the harmful product?
- Keep the process enclosed so less of the product is in the atmosphere?
- Extract emissions close to the source?

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DID YOU KNOW

REACH is an EU regulation focused on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and restriction of CHemicals. It operates alongside COSHH, designed to give more information on chemical hazards.

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COSHH CABINET
RANGE**

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COSHH ASSESSMENT TIPS

The **Health and Safety Executive** have created a full step-by-step guide to help you undertake a COSHH assessment which is available [here](#) however, there are some basic tips that can help get you started. Please note that this advice is offered as guidance only and should not be solely relied on without proper guidance from the HSE.

Remember: Some day to day work practices can result in problems: someone with their hands constantly in water can could contract dermatitis and someone constantly working in a dusty or fume-laden environment could suffer repertory issues.



HOW COULD WORKERS POTENTIALLY BE EXPOSED TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES?

EMISSION OF DUST | VAPOURS | MISTS | FUMES ETC

CONTACT WITH EXPOSED SKIN

WHERE "WORKPLACE EXPOSURE LIMIT" SUBSTANCES ARE BEING USED

IF A SUBSTANCES SPLASHED INTO THE EYES

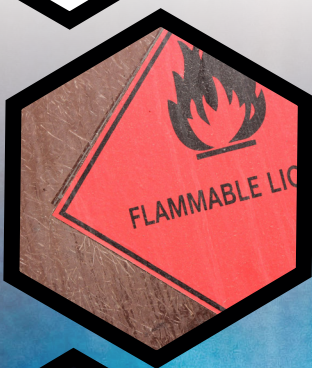
WHERE CAN I GET RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM?

SAFETY DATA SHEET(S)

THE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER

PROFESSIONAL BODIES

THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE



WE CAN HELP

Empteezy® is the home of quality engineered spill containment and spill control products. Our overriding aim is to help you comply with legislation and implement best practice in connection with your oil and chemical storage needs, spill response programmes (including spill kits, emergency safety showers, tank shower applications and waste handling projects).

We are perfectly placed to help you with your COSHH storage requirements. To find out more, or book a site assessment, why not contact us?

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SPILL CONTROL



POLY SPILL CONTAINMENT



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As an ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001 accredited company; we use the vast array of experience we have amassed over the years to provide practical advice over the phone, by email, regular blogs on industry related topics or our web-based advice centre. We also offer free of charge confidential site assessments with detailed follow-up reports.

