

Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)

What is Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH)?

These are a set of regulations in place to protect from ill health when using specific substances and materials. The regulations were introduced to control the exposure to these materials and identify measures to support good health is use is a requirement.

When does it apply?

Assessments are required for all substances hazardous to health. In reality Branches are probably only involved with domestic cleaning products, cooking oils, wood preservatives, (creosote), petrol, diesel and LPG, butane gas or dust.

Enclosed are generic assessments template to complete which can inform and be part of the Risk Assessment for activities using COSHH materials.

The following good housekeeping rules should always be obeyed:

- Only handle products you are familiar with.
- Always read the label before use.
- Only store substances in their original containers; under no circumstances should containers hold substances other than that specified on the label or container.
- Only store small quantities of any substance.
- Only use substances for their intended purpose.
- Never mix substances.
- Always wear chemical resistant gloves when handling cleaning chemicals, diesel and creosote.
- Always wear skin and eye protection when applying creosote.
- Keep all substances away from heat, children and animals.
- Consideration must be given to the safe disposal of empty containers.
- Damp down indoor schools and hay before use and provide suitable face masks for these activities.

COSHH Substance:			
Constituents		Hazards	
Usage		Disposal	
Precautions <i>(please consider the label for information on this topic)</i>		Spillage	
Checks/ Measures <i>(please consider the label for information on this topic)</i>		First Aid	
Storage <i>(please consider the label for information on this topic)</i>		Inhalation (Breathing)	
		Ingestion (Swallowed)	
		Skin contact	
		Eyes	